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Space Center Gets NASA Funds for Electronics Study

A recent \$500,000 funding boost from NASA will allow Auburn's Center for the Commercial Development of Space (CCDS) to place new emphasis on research into advanced electronics for space and industrial applications.

NASA expanded the scope of the center to include advanced electronics research in addition to its original concentration on space power systems. This expansion makes Auburn the first among NASA's 16 CCDS institutions to have a dual mission and the first to study electronics.

"Research in advanced electronics is a natural adjunct to the work we are doing in space power," said Ray Askew, director of the center. "In order to improve the elements of power, we also need to improve electronic components critical to implementing technology in power systems. There are many simple, but necessary, electronic devices that cannot survive in a space environment. Eventually, we hope to develop electronics that can operate reliably whatever the ambient temperature is."

Auburn was selected as a CCDS site in 1987. The centers are designed to improve different technologies needed for space exploration but are also valuable for commercial applications on Earth. Auburn and Maxwell Laboratories of California made NASA history in 1989 when they produced an industrial power supply that was the first commercial spinoff from the CCDS program.

New Swim Center Construction to Start Fall Quarter

Auburn officials expect to bid the university's planned \$6.7 million swim center in July, with occupancy expected by January 1992. The 59,000-square-foot natatorium will sit adjacent to the current pool between Eaves-Memorial Coliseum and the Student Activities Center.



TOP GRADS—The year's top graduates from each of Auburn's colleges and schools were honored recently with President's Awards in recognition of their performance in academics, leadership, extracurricular activities, and community service. Among those honored are, seated, from left, David Nordwall '90, College of Liberal Arts; Elizabeth Mallory Landrum '89, School of Pharmacy; Kristina Mueller '90, School of Nursing; and Maureen Wilson Oliver '90, School of Human Sciences. Standing, from left, are Sebastian de la Chica '90, College of Engineering; Elizabeth Carlin Grainger '90, College of Business; Carrie A. Colley '90, School of Architecture; and Wendy Hannah '90, College of Education. Not pictured are Kimberly A. Short '90, College of Agriculture; Beth Beason '90, College of Sciences and Mathematics; and Lynn Durwood Libby '90, College of Veterinary Medicine.

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According to University Architect Charles J. Muller, construction is to begin on the new facility early this fall, with completion expected by December 1991. Once the university occupies the new pool, the existing pool facility will be closed for just under a year for renovation. The entire project is to be completed by late fall 1992.

The student body voted in 1987 to increase tuition by \$7 per student per quarter to help fund the center. One-third of the cost is to be provided by the Athletic Department.

Mr. Muller said the facility will give Auburn the top pool in the Southeastern Conference and one of the top five pools in the country for competitive swimming as well as a place for recreation, instruction, water sports, competitive diving, and small craft skills training. The

74-yard-long pool's design will include a depth of nine feet the length of the pool, reducing the amount of turbulence affecting swimmers from below. Another provision will circulate water through vents in the side of the pool, down through a special filter system, and back into the pool from the floor, reducing the waves from the side lanes and helping to make all the lanes equal for swimmers.

Designed by the Birmingham firm of McCauley and Associates, the facility will also include two movable bulkheads to divide the pool into four separate areas, a 15-foot-deep diving area featuring a 10-meter platform, seating for 1,000 spectators, TV capabilities, student and varsity dressing areas, a 50-seat classroom, and an air circulation system that will keep spectator sections free from humidity.

Wrangler Funds a Professorship in Human Sciences

Wrangler, a division of the VF Corporation, has committed \$100,000 over two years to Auburn's School of Human Sciences to establish the Wrangler Professorship in apparel and textiles. The endowed gift will support a nationally recognized faculty member in the Department of Consumer Affairs.

"No longer can academic and industry leaders work in separate arenas if we are to successfully compete with other nations," said Varnell Moore, group president of the VF Corporation. "Avenues for interchange must be built

to foster partnerships between business and educational institutions. The Wrangler Professorship is a visible endorsement of this concept."

"Wrangler clearly is a pacesetter among apparel companies," said June Henton, dean of the School of Human Sciences. "Collaboration with Auburn in the establishment of this professorship will help perpetuate that leadership role."

"We are especially grateful for the support of Mr. Moore, who has been an active and important member of our development board. This professorship exemplifies the commitment he and other board members have demonstrated to the School of Human Sciences."

Engineering Alums Pledge \$91,598 In Phone-a-thon

Auburn engineering alumni pledged \$91,598 to support the development of an advanced computer network and other improvements in the College of Engineering during a month-long phone-a-thon held at the Auburn Alumni Center throughout April.

"The success of this first engineering phone-a-thon is a tribute to the dedication of Auburn's engineering students, past and present," said Engineering Dean William F. Walker. "Working closely with the Alumni and Development Office, 220 of our present students contacted approximately 4,000 engineering alums who made a total of 1,041 pledges to Auburn."

The pledge total does not include corporate matching funds, he added. When matching funds are added in, the amount could rise to more than \$150,000.

Auburn's efforts to develop a \$5 million engineering computer network will receive first priority when the funds are allocated, Dean Walker said. Money from the phone-a-thon will also be used to purchase laboratory equipment and fund scholarships.

Dean Walker said the college's goal is to purchase 200 powerful computer workstations under an agreement with Sun Microsystems. The college presently has 67 workstations and associated equipment in offices and labs located in seven of the nine buildings that house engineering programs. All nine are scheduled for inclusion in the network by next fall.

AU Tags to Fund 10 Scholarships In Fall Quarter

Auburn's "License to Learn" endowment, which last fall provided scholarships for three top in-state students, has reached \$342,769 through March sales, and the university plans to award 10 of these scholarships this fall.

The first three recipients—Steve Beaty of Trussville, Meredith Bell of Montgomery, and Jeff Baumbach of Huntsville—will each be eligible to renew their scholarship provided they maintain a 3.0 grade point average. In addition, Auburn will award seven more scholarships this



SULLIVAN AWARD WINNERS—Recipients of this year's Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards at Auburn were J. Boyd Scebra, second from left, former acting dean and retired associate dean for education extension, public service, and development in the College of Education; and history student Russell Helms '90, second from right. Auburn presents the national awards each year to a student and a non-student in recognition of outstanding service to humanity. Also on hand at the presentation ceremony was President James E. Martin '54 and Pat Barnes, chairman of the Sullivan Awards Committee and vice president for student affairs.

—Photo by AU Photo Services

fall through the program. These scholarships are valued at \$1,524 each and cover three academic quarters.

Since the program began during the fall of 1988, more than 7,030 Auburn alumni and friends from throughout Alabama have purchased or renewed the special license plates. The tags are available at probate judges' offices in each county and sell for \$50 beyond the regular tag fee. All but a small processing charge goes to the scholarship endowment, earnings from which support the academic scholarships for outstanding in-state students.

Nichols Named Outstanding Forestry Alum

Kenwood C. Nichols '61, who this past year was named director of the board of Champion International Corp., has been named the 1989 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by the Forestry Alumni Association. Mr. Nichols, who lives in Stamford, Conn., is a native of Selma and a member of Auburn's Forestry Advisory Council.

"This award recognizes one for career achievement and for setting an outstanding example for the young men and women who are just beginning their professional careers or who are now studying forestry at Auburn," said Emmett F. Thompson, dean of the School of Forestry. "Mr. Nichols has had an outstanding career to date, he is very respected within the industry, and he is truly a role model for young people interested in forestry careers."

Mr. Nichols joined Champion in 1972 as director of timberlands planning. In 1978, he was named a vice president, and in 1983, he was elected senior vice president responsible for control, internal audit, corporate planning, tax affairs, and management information systems.

He earned a master's degree in forestry at Duke University in 1964 and serves on the board of directors of Weldwood of Canada, Ltd., and on the board of visitors at Duke's School of Forestry and Environmental Sciences.

Bennett Gift to Assist Air Force, Navy Students

Auburn and the Auburn University Foundation recently received a \$100,000 scholarship endowment fund from Mr. and Mrs. T. Waring Bennett, Sr., and family of Natchez, Miss. The endowment, which should provide four to five scholarships each year, will honor their sons, Navy Lt. Cmdr. William Walter

Bennett '77 and the late Maj. Thomas Waring Bennett, Jr., who served as an Air Force pilot in Vietnam and was declared Missing in Action in 1972.

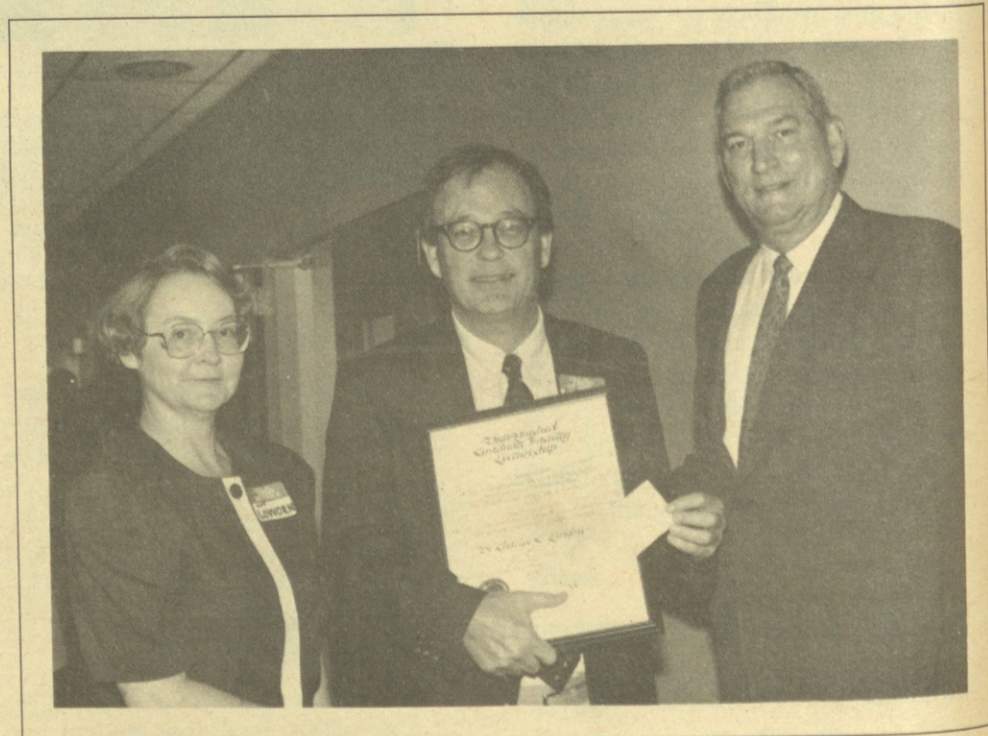
"The scholarships created by this endowment will provide great opportunities for deserving students in the Navy and Air Force ROTC programs at Auburn," noted President James E. Martin '54 in accepting the gift. "Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are giving a valuable scholarship program to the university as well as a fitting honor to their two sons."

The Thomas Waring Bennett, Jr., and William Walter Bennett Scholarships will be awarded to deserving young men seeking a career in the Navy or Air Force who are majoring in chemistry, biology, business, or engineering at Auburn. In order to be eligible for the renewable scholarships, a student must demonstrate financial need and academic excellence. In addition, the recipient must be a full-time student in good standing academically.

Kellogg Grant to Help AU Develop Rural Leadership

A \$940,785 grant to Auburn from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation will help the university create a new interdisciplinary program to better train rural leaders to improve economic conditions in their communities.

Faculty and administrators from Auburn's Colleges of Business, Liberal Arts, Education, and Veterinary Medicine; the School of Human Sciences; the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service; the Graduate School; and the offices of the vice presidents for research and extension will help develop the "Rural Leadership and Mentoring Program," which will involve 90 community leaders from five low-income rural counties. The program will improve their community leadership and economic development skills.



DISTINGUISHED PROF—Charles C. Lindner, center, Alumni Professor of Mathematics and an Auburn faculty member since 1969, was recently selected the 1989-90 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer based on his scholarly achievements, teaching skills, and leadership. On hand at a banquet honoring Dr. Lindner to present him with the award and a \$1,000 check from the Alumni and Development Office were Kaye Lowvorn '64, Director and Editor in the Office of Alumni and Development, and President James E. Martin '54.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

Participants will be selected from Butler, Dallas, Lowndes, Perry, and Wilcox counties and will include chief elected officials, chamber of commerce representatives, city managers and council members, school superintendents, and other community leaders.

All will receive eight weeks of study over a two-year period, with a minimum of two weeks on the Auburn campus and the remainder on-site in their communities. The program will also offer video-based instruction and technical assistance, all geared toward a curriculum including fundamentals of administration and leadership, infrastructure development, tax policy and structure, community needs assessment, small business development, financial packaging, industrial development and recruitment, marketing the community, and environmental management.

AU Entry Hoping To Shine in Solar Car Race

After more than a year of hard work, Auburn students are on schedule to complete a solar-powered car they will race this summer in the largest competition ever held in the U.S. for sun-driven vehicles. More than 25 Auburn students are involved in designing and building a solar car for General Motors' GM Sunrayce USA, which will be run July 9-19 from Florida to Michigan.

Dubbed the "Sol of Auburn," from the Latin word for sun, Auburn's solar-electric car will compete against 31 other vehicles designed by students from universities in Canada, Puerto Rico, and 18 states. Auburn and the Florida Institute of Technology are the only Southeastern institutions set to run the 1,800-mile race.

When completed, Auburn's one-passenger car will be teardrop-shaped and highly streamlined. A rounded nose section with a transparent plastic windshield will cover the driver. Arrays of solar panels will be mounted on the faceted, sloping rear section of the vehicle. Although the car will be almost 20 feet long, it will weigh no more than 500 pounds. Sunlight will be the vehicle's only power source, but it will contain batteries charged from the solar array.

Starting July 9 from Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., the race will proceed over the course of 11 days to the GM Technical Center in Warren, Mich. Other states on the route are Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. Winners will be those teams with the lowest elapsed time for completing the course. GM will sponsor the top three teams in the World Solar Challenge race in Australia in November 1990.

AU Engineers Take Shake Out of Space Telescope

When NASA's Hubble Space Telescope was launched in April, the clarity of the images it sent back to Earth depended

heavily on years of research conducted by Auburn engineers.

Malcolm J. Crocker, W.A. Foster, and other Auburn researchers helped make sure star-gazers got a clear picture when the telescope started sending home its electronic images of planets, stars, and galaxies.

Dr. Crocker, who joined the Auburn faculty in 1983 and recently was named as a prestigious University Professor in Mechanical Engineering, helped provide NASA with information to minimize vibrations in the telescope, which could obscure its images. Dr. Foster, an associate professor in the Department of Aerospace Engineering, helped design the joints that hold the Hubble telescope's eight-foot primary mirror in place.

"This is a very exciting time for us," Dr. Crocker said. "The launch of the Hubble telescope was the fruition of years of research by myself and several of my colleagues at Auburn."

"We've been looking forward to this for a long time," Dr. Foster added. "It's always satisfying to look at something you've worked on and see it fly."

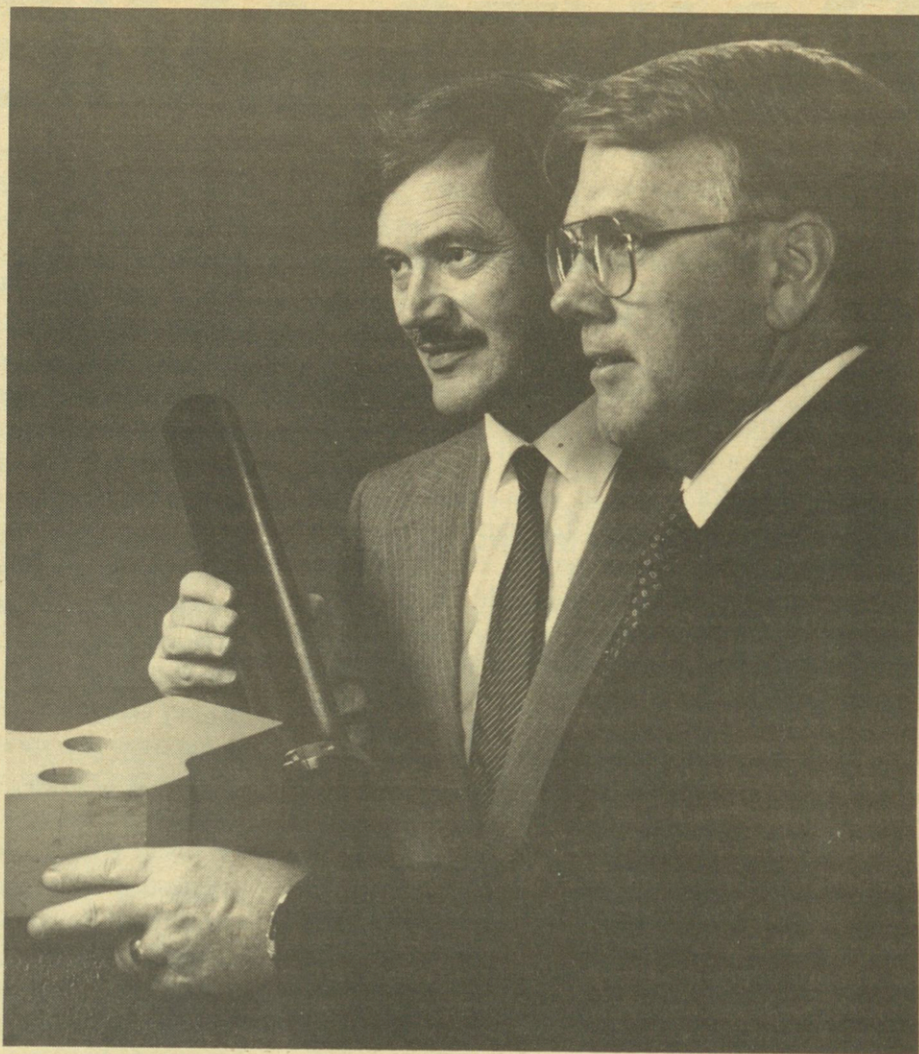
For four years, Dr. Crocker and other Auburn researchers studied the graphite epoxy material used to construct the truss that holds in place the telescope's primary mirror and 12-inch secondary mirror.

"NASA chose to use graphite epoxy because of its light weight and other properties, but they did not have a good knowledge of its damping properties. Damping is a measure of the rate with which vibration energy is transformed into heat energy," Dr. Crocker explained. "The larger the damping value of a material, the sooner it stops vibrating after it is struck and set into vibration."

Dr. Crocker and his colleagues tested samples of the graphite epoxy truss under various conditions in a vacuum chamber. "We were able to tell NASA that the material has a damping value five to 10 times smaller than they had estimated," he said.

Accurate measured values of the material's damping were used in computer modeling at NASA to design a structure that minimizes vibration energy fed into the truss. "As the telescope spins around Earth, it doesn't naturally point in the same direction at all times," Dr. Crocker said. "Three flywheels—heavy gyroscopes—are used to maintain the alignment of the telescope. As the gyroscopes whirl around, a little bit of vibration energy is fed into the truss structure. Any amount of vibration is unwanted, because it causes the mirrors to jiggle and degrade the optics."

Dr. Foster and colleagues worked for three years developing a mathematical computer model to aid in the design for the triangular structural joint that holds the primary mirror and focal plane structure in place in the telescope. "This mirror is one of the telescope's most critical parts, and even a fraction of movement could damage the telescope or limit its capability," Dr. Foster said. "The joints had to be very strong to withstand the tremendous load and jostling during liftoff, orbit, and retrieval."



NEW FRONTIERS—Thanks in part to the efforts of University Professor of Mechanical Engineering Malcolm Crocker, left, and Associate Professor of Aerospace Engineering W.A. Foster, the Hubble Space Telescope is now successfully sending pictures back to Earth. Dr. Crocker helped provide NASA with information to minimize vibrations in the telescope, while Dr. Foster helped design the joints that hold the instrument's eight-foot primary mirror in place.

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Letters to the Editor

Committee Seeks Alumni Board Nominations

Dear Editor:

As we look toward Homecoming and the elections of new leaders for the Auburn Alumni Association, the Nominating Committee would like to invite any member of the Auburn Alumni Association to send us names of people to consider for the officers of the Association.

At the annual meeting on Homecoming morning, November 10, the membership of the Auburn Alumni Association will elect a president and five directors. We are also asking for nominations for vice president, as the addition of that position is being considered and will be voted upon by the membership at the Annual Meeting, prior to the election of officers.

Nominees for the positions for the officers and directors of the Auburn Alumni Association normally include those who are leaders in their community, successful in their careers, and active in local Auburn clubs. In addition, they have contributed to Auburn either personally or finan-

cially. In putting together the slate for presentation as mandated by the Bylaws of the Auburn Alumni Association, we will review the person's representation of various Auburn constituencies including college of graduation, geographic location, age, etc. In addition to the slate of nominees, nominations will also be taken from the floor at the annual meeting.

The Committee normally seeks nominations from Auburn Club presidents, former presidents of the Alumni Association, and staff from the Alumni and Development Office. This year, however, for the second year, the Committee again seeks recommendations from the general membership of the Alumni Association.

The Committee encourages any member of the Auburn Alumni Association to participate by sending names and resumes to John Blackwell '64, 726 Creek Road, Montevallo, AL 35115. The resumes should be in hand by July 31 so that the committee can consider them at its next meeting.

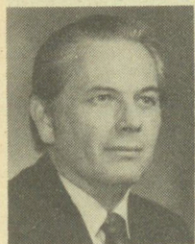
John Blackwell '64, Chairman
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Charles Mayton '49

POINTS & VIEWS

Here and There—

A Coach to Remember

By Jerry Roden, Jr., '46



RODEN

Back in the early nineteen twenties, a soft-spoken young man named Wallace Guy O'Brien came down from Dadeville to Auburn to prepare for a life in education. *The Glomerata* of 1926 stands as the only significant record of his college days now available. It provides some interesting glimpses into his activities here, but affords only a hint of the course of his subsequent brief and brilliant career.

A member of the senior class of 1926, he was enrolled in the general curriculum and manifested an "astounding brilliance in physics." He served as a lieutenant in the Reserve Officers Training Corps, participated in freshman baseball and then scrub baseball, and joined the Wirt Literary Society, the Founder's Club, and the Young Men's Christian Association.

The biographical records on Guy O'Brien's first move after he completed studies at Auburn are somewhat ambiguous. But the best evidence available suggests that he went directly from here to coaching and teaching duties at Geraldine High School in Geraldine, Alabama, a rural community in DeKalb County. Testimony from his former students confirms that he was performing memorably in Geraldine as a coach and a teacher by the year 1928.

As a basketball coach, he built rapidly and well. In 1931, his Geraldine High basketball team won the state championship, and in 1932, it repeated its conquest without losing a single game throughout the season. Then Coach O'Brien moved from Geraldine to Scottsboro and began another building program. In 1934, his Jackson County Wildcats from Scottsboro took the state basketball championship, and in 1938 his Scottsboro team repeated as state champions. Coach O'Brien then moved to Gadsden, but returned to Scottsboro by 1943. In 1944 his Scottsboro team once again won the state basketball tournament in Tuscaloosa.

A few months after this triumph, tragedy struck. Coach O'Brien suffered a severe attack of appendicitis and several days after surgery died of complications on June 30, 1944, at the age of thirty-eight.

In that short lifetime, Coach Wallace Guy (Mickey) O'Brien established a record that remains unbroken: twelve of his fourteen basketball teams during the years 1931 to 1944 went to the state playoffs and five of them became *the undisputed champions of Alabama high school basketball*, for Guy O'Brien coached during the era before Alabama high schools were separated into a multiplicity of divisions.

For many Alabamians, the passing of the years has not dimmed the memory of Coach O'Brien's achievements. Consequently, his admirers nominated him last year and have re-nominated him this year for posthumous induction into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. And this year, they also have nominated him for the Naismith

Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. To support these nominations, they cite not only his unparalleled winning record but also his contributions to developing the game of basketball and his admirable personal character.

Coach O'Brien possessed a gift for recognizing, recruiting, and developing raw athletic talent. Among the common folk in Jackson and DeKalb Counties, stories of his recruiting forays through the valleys, into the coves, and up on the mountain tops have developed into Alabama folk legends. The basketball devotees of the area embrace the recruiting legends and then discourse upon Coach O'Brien's superb zone defenses, his perfection of the fast break, and his development of the four corner offense for ball control.

Perhaps the most appealing aspect of the life of Coach O'Brien was the breadth and depth of his human commitment. Throughout the record of his teaching and coaching career one finds suggestion after suggestion that this was a man committed to all his students and to academic as well as athletic achievement. Beyond that, he felt a deep obligation to his community and labored unceasingly to fulfill it: at the time of his death, he was a scoutmaster, a Sunday school teacher, and the elected chief of the Scottsboro fire department. His election to this latter position was no doubt due in some measure to a notable event which occurred in 1937: At that time a boarding house in which several Scottsboro teachers resided caught fire and burned. Coach

O'Brien rushed through the burning building and guided several of his colleagues to safety. In the process, he suffered severe burns, but recovered quickly, and continued his quiet and unusually effective pursuit of competence in all his varied endeavors.

Coach Wallace Guy O'Brien embodied the humane qualities which should be honored in our halls of fame, and he stands as a figure which should be enshrined in our memories as a model worthy of emulation.

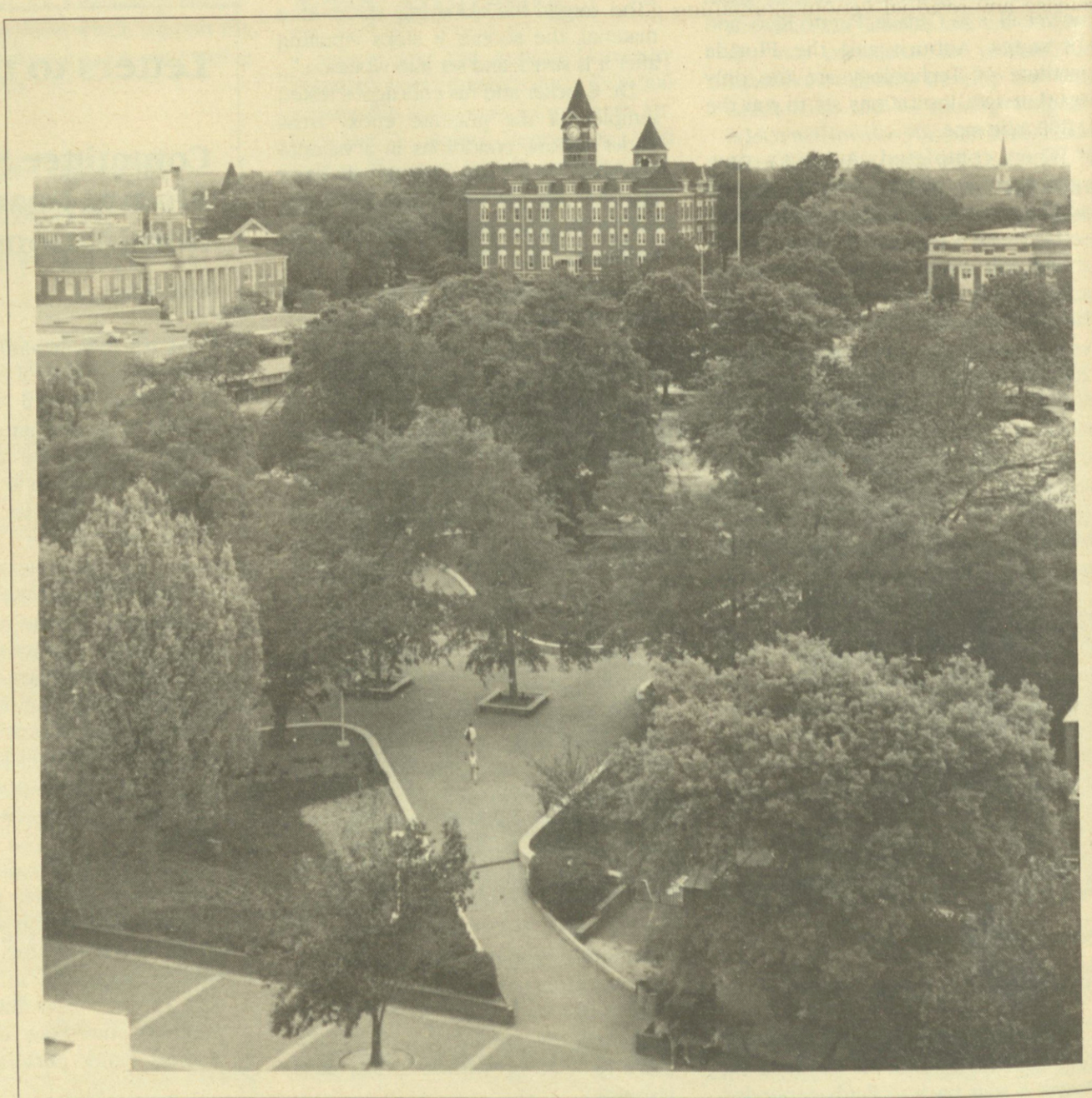
Esoterica for Everyone—

Need a Fast-Growing Tree?

By Bob Sanders '52

Well-meaning people often do bad things. I have here before me a classic example.

It's a copy of Alabama's Treasured Forests, which is published quarterly by the Alabama Forestry Commission. Along with much valuable information, there is an article about Alabama's champion trees. A champion tree is the largest tree of its species in the state. There's a Southern Red Oak in Pike County, a Sassafras in Madison, a Sweetgum in Coosa, and so on. Everything's fine and dandy so far. But let's go back to the cover. There is a beautiful full-color picture of what is said to be the champion of its species. It is located in Fayette County, which is right across Hells Creek



from the Promised (so the promise wasn't kept; it's still nice) Land. The bark of the tree is mostly white, but speckled with sapsucker holes and stretch marks. It looks majestic through the eyes of the camera, looking up through the branches. An unsuspecting novice might think, "Oh, I'd love to have one of those in my yard."

Hold it right there. Magazine folks, you, unintentionally, I'm sure, misled. This White Poplar (also known as a European White Poplar, or Hybrid Poplar—or generally as a Silver Maple, which it is not, among the peasantry) is NOT, repeat, NOT, a desirable tree.

I know. I have one, pretty close to a champion, in my backyard. My father-in-law gave me the sprout. I had thought till then he liked me. Oh, they're fast-growing trees. No question about that. They are also totally immune to every tree ailment except a chain saw. They are right nice-looking trees; the bark has kind of a birchy look, the leaves are green on top and gray on the bottom and turn a lovely yellow in the fall. It doesn't drop any troublesome pods or burrs or seeds.

What it does is send out roots, miles and miles of roots. If you should, in a masochistic moment, decide to plant some White Poplars, don't buy but one. You'll soon have thousands. Your neighbors will have thousands. Their neighbors on the other side will have thousands. White poplars, attached to long, strong roots, will come up in your flower beds and azalea beds. The roots will form ridges all over your lawn. You'll come to hate the sight of the soft green sprouts that will pop up everywhere.

Pay no attention to the loveliness of the magazine cover picture. You don't want one!

Why don't I cut mine down? I have, one or two. But this one, I don't know, has been a worthy adversary. It gives me something on which to release any residual venom, something good to cuss.

You hear and read a lot these days about how bad it is for the environment to cut down trees. Activist groups get all stirred up about the loss of trees; and in certain cases, they should; in national parks for instance. I am a tree lover. I'm on the side of the trees, in those cases, and in situations where trees are wantonly cut down for no reason except that some more asphalt or concrete can be put down.

But environmentally, in the Southeast, at least, cool it: there are far more trees now than there were a hundred or fifty years ago. Look, when we were kids in the country, every inch of land that wasn't vertical or swamp was row-cropped, plowed, and planted and subjected to erosion of the worst kind, so that after every rain, Yellow Creek more than lived up to its name. Now, not one-tenth of that land is cultivated. It's either in pasture or growing trees. In some places, the trees are systemically planted for future profitable lumber-making, which is fine. But, in this part of the country, it is not necessary to plant a thing to have a thick stand of trees of some kind. They may not be the money-making trees one would desire, but they will cover the ground, densely, and do whatever it is trees do to help the atmosphere. As I say, from strictly an environmental standpoint, there is not, nor is there likely to be, a shortage of greenery. I could take you to some places where there were fields I used to plow and dare you to try to walk through the growth of young trees there.

But, back to White Poplars. There is one positive thing to consider: if NASA should ever want to establish plant growth on the moon or Pluto or

somewhere, or maybe in strip-mined areas, a single White Poplar, with sprouts coming up every foot or so on each one of the mile-long roots, would cover it in about a year. It's kind of the Johnson grass of trees.

One more thing, on a somewhat allied subject. First, I am an environmentalist. O.K. But I also realize that farmers can't grow enough to feed us all without chemicals. You can only go so far with strictly organic farming. Case in point: I have a little volunteer peach tree at my back stoop, the result of some long ago thrown away peach seed. It will have a few peaches on it every year. The size of the crop here is beside the point, because the squirrels always get the peaches before they get even close to ripe, anyway. But the amazing thing is this: There are no other peach trees anywhere around. It's isolated, all by itself. Plus, I have birds. Lots of birds. I work at giving them good cover and pleasant surroundings. Yet, every year, before those little peaches are the size of a baby's fingertip, the moths will have already struck. Each peach will have a puncture mark, indicating that a little worm is growing in there.

How do the moths find my scrubby tree? Why don't the birds catch them before they do? One of these years, I may spray, just to see how a wormless peach would look; but, as I say, the squirrels...Anyway, you people who grow lots of peaches for us peach lovers, please keep on spraying.

Remember, however, that if it's White Poplars you want to grow, you don't have to spray or fertilize or anything. Just get out of the way.

Behind the Headlines—

Going Back Home

By Kaye Lovvorn '64

Although I'm basically a writer and not a speaker, these days I'm getting up at an Auburn club meeting every week or so to talk about things dear to my heart: i.e., Auburn, the Office of Alumni and Development, the library expansion, the License to Learn Program, the outstanding faculty and students at Auburn, and our excitement about the future of all of them.

Generally, I go to Auburn clubs where I'm best known by my byline in *The Alumnews*. Last week, however, the weather cooperated and a whole entourage of us descended on Ft. Payne and the DeKalb County Auburn Club. As I had at the Mobile Auburn Club the week before, I had a great time seeing some old friends and making some new ones, although here in my home county the emphasis fell on old friends. Looking out over the audience I could see Steve Stiefel '89, an *Alumnews* alumnus now working on the *Times-Journal*; Ralph Hall '64 and his wife, Linda, who have two children in Auburn and a third who'll be coming this way in a couple of years; Sen. Lowell Barron '65, an old friend that my husband and I share from before we married—Fouts from pharmacy school, and I from Snead and Auburn and as a pharmacist at Fyffe; and Roger '68 and Ginny Culpepper, who treated me to Chinese food in Auburn a few weeks ago. Roger, now a doctor twice over (philosophy as well as medicine), practices the latter in Ider. Also representing the medical field were Barbara and Charles Isbell '55, Barbara a cousin, once or twice removed. Milborn Chessner '55, who always remembers my father when our paths cross. Bill '59 and Emma Jordan '59, who've invited me to come to the DeKalb

Club for years, and because the spring meeting usually centers around the local Auburn-Alabama Golf Tournament, that meeting seemed to fall to the golfers in the office. Dr. G.S. Killian '48 and Virginia, whom I last saw when they were on campus for the College of Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council meeting. And Walter Weatherly '55, whom I met at the club leadership conference last August, and who led the club so well the past year that he was re-elected for another year during the meeting.

I couldn't resist comparing the DeKalb Auburn Club of today to the one I remembered from my high school days, an annual all-male barbecue with the football coach. Women are much in evidence. The club now meets two or three times a year. It has provided seven Auburn students with scholarships, which it funds with the golf tournament proceeds and through its unique club life membership program.

During the meeting, Dr. John Anderson '70 reported on the club's first Student Recruitment Program, in which they invited top juniors at all the schools in DeKalb County to dinner and to meet with Auburn representatives from admissions, financial aid, etc.

And compared to the number of alumni in the county, DeKalb County is doing well with its support of the License to Learn efforts, boasting 98 Auburn tags. These days, more than 100 students attend Auburn from DeKalb County, a sizeable increase over the few here when Harvey Derrick '65 and I were the only two from Fyffe.

After I'd said my say, and Dixie Conner of the Auburn athletic department, a fellow DeKalb Countian, had introduced Tommy Joe Eagles and he'd thoroughly entertained us all, and Mike Goodwin '74 had led us all in cheers, Bob Jordan '82 took Ollie Edwards '67 and George Kling '88, the university pilots, and me back to airport—Tommy Joe, Barry Canterbury, and Kermit Perry stayed for the golf tournament and Dixie stayed to visit with daughter Susan. We lifted out of the little airport and headed down Wills Valley, out over Lookout Mountain to Centre, leaving Sand Mountain off to the right and heading for Auburn. In the dark I mused about the last time I'd been at that little airport and all the times I've made the trip from Auburn to DeKalb County and vice versa, although that was the first time I'd made it in a plane and the first time I'd visited the DeKalb Auburn Club. Home may not be home as it was when I left it for the first time to come to Auburn in June 1961, but then Auburn isn't the Auburn I left home to come to, either. Both have grown and changed; some important ingredients and people are missing from both places; but then some important ones have been added. Perhaps my pride in both is pardonable.

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Lang Saving Lives With Heartbeats For Kids Program

By Mary Ellen Hendrix '84

Anguished parents sit in a New York hospital waiting room. They arrived in the country only a few days before and know little English. Their youngest child lies on a cold, stainless steel table awaiting heart surgery. They are frightened for their child but happy for the promise of this operation.

They have watched their eight-year-old son's skin turn blue over the past year, a result of decreased blood circulation. He has spent most of his time resting; everything comes laboriously for him. Without correction of his congenital heart defect, he will die. The parents are happy for the hope their homeland couldn't provide, happy for the help of this Dr. Lang. They pray that his hands move with skill. And they watch the hands on the clock slowly move forward.

In the operating room the doctor looks down into the open cavity at the heart in distress. The pumping of the organ is sapped of its force by a blockage in a main artery. The doctor repairs the damage with an operation that should have been performed at least six years ago. The young boy will recover to run and play with other children, but he never should have deteriorated to this weak state.

A 1974 Auburn veterinary medicine graduate, Samuel J. Lang is a cardiothoracic surgeon at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and assistant professor of pediatrics surgery at Cornell University Medical College. He founded and heads the Heartbeats for Kids (HBK) program, which provides life-saving heart surgery at no cost for children who can't get adequate care in their own countries and whose families can't afford surgery overseas.

The impetus for HBK can be traced back to the summer of 1985 when Dr. Lang had an honorary appointment with the pediatric cardiac surgery unit at the Harley Street Clinic and The Hospital for Sick Children in London. His preparation for his work in England had been extensive: a general surgery residency at UCLA Medical Center, as well as fellowships in cardiothoracic surgery at New York University Medical Center and UCLA. But London was drastically different, a turning point according to Dr. Lang.

At the Hospital for Sick Children many youngsters arrived dying from correctable heart defects that should have been repaired when they were much younger. Dr. Lang remembers the doctors from places such as Greece or Pakistan who told of the lack of advanced heart care in their homelands. And he realized that, for every child who came to London for heart disease treatment (some too late),



HAVING A HEART—Samuel J. Lang '74 has used his talents as a cardiothoracic surgeon to correct heart defects in children who have little chance of surviving in their home countries. The surgeries are provided at no cost to the families through a special program, Heartbeats for Kids, which Dr. Lang started in 1987 at The New York Hospital.

—Photo by Virginia Libertore, Family Circle Magazine

unknown numbers were left to die in other countries. They had inadequate medical care and their families lacked the money to take the children long distances for treatment.

In London the seed was planted for the HBK program, which Dr. Lang officially began in February 1987 after returning to the States to practice at The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. The hospital absorbs much of the roughly \$20,000 expenses per patient; and professional services, such as those of Dr. Lang and the anesthesiologists, are donated.

"Not getting paid for our services isn't even an issue," he said. "Helping these children is our reward. It's something we enjoy and get a lot of satisfaction from."

Most of the children hear of HBK through word of mouth or their cardiologists, according to Dr. Lang. For example, in Pakistan many of the children see the same cardiologist, who is familiar with the New York program. Another resource is the Rotary Club's Gift of Life program, which, through Rotary Clubs in foreign lands, helps link some patients with HBK and provides some monetary support.

"The children in HBK come from good family conditions but, for a variety of reasons, they just can't get the care they need," said Dr. Lang. "Most suffer from correctable congenital heart disease and should have had surgery when they were two years old or even younger. Many of the countries don't have surgeons with the expertise needed but, mostly, they don't have the advanced facilities needed. Or, there are too many children requiring care and too few facilities. Some children become inoperable before they get care. It's such a waste."

Thus far, the Heartbeats program has brought 54 children from about 20 different countries to New York Hospital for surgery. They have ranged in age from nine months to 15 years. Some of the countries of origin include India, El Salvador, Pakistan, Greece, Russia, and the Dominican Republic. Of the 54, one child has died. "If that child had had surgery three years earlier, the result might have been different," Dr. Lang said. "But there was already injury to the lungs and many other complications. It was just too late."

HBK's setup provides for the most urgent cases first. Dr. Lang works with

cardiologists in other countries to look at medical records and assign priority. "Some patients have conditions such that they will die within a few months if not operated on," he said. "Others can wait six months to a year. We provide immediate intervention to those in need."

After contact with the U.S. consulate in the child's homeland, HBK personnel arrange for travel. Also, The New York Hospital offers housing for parents in its hotel facilities at no charge. The program receives some financial support from individual donations and agencies such as the Rotary Club's Gift of Life, but more backing is needed. "We're facing a crisis with financing," Dr. Lang said. "We may have to cut back on the number of children we accept in the program, because the hospital can't continue its present level of support indefinitely."

"However, we have gotten public encouragement and some donations as a result of good publicity—newspaper articles and a spot on a morning television show. Of course, for every donation, we got another inquiry about a child who needed our help." [Readers may send contributions or inquiries to: Heartbeats for Kids, The New York Hospital, Room F 2113, 525 East 68th Street, New York, NY 10021. Or call (212) 746-5154.]

■ Heartbeats for Kids does not have geographic restrictions like other similar hospital programs in the U.S., according to Dr. Lang. He believes HBK to be the only open program of its kind, contrasting with hospitals who target specific countries for their aid.

Of course, the ideal aid system would give foreign physicians the skills to care for the children in their homelands. HBK's plans include a visiting fellowship program, which would allow foreign doctors to pursue advanced training in pediatric cardiac surgery at The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. "We have three or four foreign doctors waiting, but we don't have the financial backing yet," Dr. Lang said. "The end goal is to teach them and send them back to their own countries."

Dr. Lang, who averages 10 open-heart surgeries per week, sees nothing self-sacrificing about his role in HBK. For the staff at The New York Hospital, he says, the HBK kids blend in and are treated like any other patients; the staff's reward comes from the helping. But, modest protests aside, those close to Dr. Lang characterize him as a generous giver.

"He's one of our favorite doctors," said Jonathan Weil, assistant director of The New York Hospital's Office of Public Affairs. "For him HBK comes first, Sam Lang last."

"Sam's a real-life hero," said Bruce Young '75, DVM, of Athens, one of Dr. Lang's Auburn classmates and a long-time friend.

Dr. Lang grew up in the tiny town of Ider, which lies north of Fort Payne, as the son of two educators. (His father was

principal of the high school, and his mother was a teacher.) He said that, living in the country, he didn't have much exposure to medicine but had plenty of chances to develop a love for horses. Thus, he decided on a veterinary medicine degree.

After two years at Jacksonville State University, he transferred to Auburn, where he finished the pre-professional program in 1970 and embarked on his professional degree. "Going through vet school at Auburn was a great experience," Dr. Lang said. "There, I was introduced to medicine. After one year in vet school, I knew I wanted to change to human medicine, and the things I learned at Auburn made medical school much easier to handle."

Dr. Lang actually practiced veterinary medicine for a short time after leaving Auburn before entering medical school at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he graduated in 1978. He continued with his surgical studies, finally landing in New York City.

Single, he finds little time for much other than medicine, although he did manage to get a pilot's license along the way. He said he had to learn to fly when his friend Bruce got his license and invited him for a plane ride. "I wasn't going to ride with Bruce unless I knew how to fly too." Dr. Lang goes back to North Alabama to visit family and friends and makes it down to Auburn when he can.

Limited personal time isn't the worst part about his job as a cardiothoracic surgeon. Naturally, the most emotionally draining aspect of any doctor's job is dealing with death. One can hear the strain of Dr. Lang's voice as he talks gingerly about the subject. "The most difficult thing is dealing with the families of those who have had bad results," he said. Then, instinctively, he focuses on the overriding issue, the drive of all good doctors. "But for every one of those there are scores of others with happy endings."

Nunnelley's AC3 A Modern Alger Success Story

By Mike Jernigan '80

Horatio Alger would have loved Fred Nunnelley '77.

In more than 120 juvenile books written around the turn of the century, Mr. Alger expounded a theme of rags to riches, unbounded faith in the American dream. Characters such as his "Ragged Dick" and "Tattered Tom" worked their way up from meager beginnings to grab their slice of success, proving again and again that—with hard work, honesty, and zeal—anyone could "make it" in America.

They still can, if the 34-year-old Nunnelley and his Birmingham-based American Calculator and Computer Company (AC3) are any example. Starting with \$300 charged to his credit card, Mr. Nunnelley launched AC3 in 1980 from a back room in a Birmingham service station as president, CEO, and sole employee—spending \$235 for the first month's rent and \$65 for business cards and stationery. In 1989, the

company's annual sales exceeded \$100 million.

"Early on, I had a burning desire to succeed," Mr. Nunnelley recalls of his firm's humble beginnings. "The majority of my friends said there was no way I could launch a business with \$300. Looking back, I don't know how much was naivete on my part, but I always believed I could make it."

Given Mr. Nunnelley's track record prior to launching AC3, his friends' skepticism is forgivable. An Anniston native, he came to Auburn in 1974, unsure of what he wanted to do but sure he didn't want to work very hard doing it. Though he had an interest in business dating back to childhood, he tried several other majors first, including pharmacy and pre-law, taking business courses along the way as electives. Not until his senior year did he finally switch his major to business, just in time to graduate one step ahead of the registrar.

"I think I stayed on academic probation all but a few quarters while I was in school," Mr. Nunnelley says with a grimace. "I had a bad habit of missing class whenever I got the chance. You don't know how I wish now that I could go back to college all over again. I'd never miss a class. I'd enjoy it more and get more out of it. I don't think most people realize what an opportunity they have in school until after they've left."

With a low grade point average and murky career goals, Mr. Nunnelley moved to Nashville following graduation as a grocery store manager for the Kroger Company. But, for a while at least, he changed jobs as often as he had majors. Six months after joining Kroger, he left for Huntsville and a job peddling disposable diapers for Johnson and Johnson. Another company already had the slow-to-change diaper market all wrapped up, however, and after 18

months spent in a futile effort to stem the Pampers tide, Mr. Nunnelley was dismissed.

Back on the employment market for the third time in the two years since graduation, he soon found that landing a new job wasn't getting easier, despite his growing job-hunting experience. "I wanted to get into the computer field, but my low college grade point average and poor employment history kept me from finding a job with a major company," he says. "I finally got a job with a small computer store back in Birmingham, but after working there a month, I felt I could use my retail experience to really improve on their sales operation."

Out of this realization, AC3 was born. "I had \$300 left on a credit card, and I used the money to rent the back room at a filling station and get some stationery printed," Mr. Nunnelley says. "I named the company American Calculator and Computer because it sounded impressive—not because I had any computers to sell."

He started out selling Hewlett-Packard and Texas Instruments calculators, doing well enough so that after several months he got his first computer on credit and a new bride—Pamela Hull '78—whom he met in her first week as a freshman at Auburn and without whose support and income AC3 would have never made it, he says. Three months later he added the popular Apple computers to his sales line, and within three years he opened new stores in Montgomery, Huntsville, and Tuscaloosa. The company's sales grew an incredible 5,018 percent in its first four years and have slowed little since, a result of what Mr. Nunnelley sees as the right combination of timing and opportunity.

"Success is a matter of recognizing an opportunity at the right time and taking

advantage of it," he says. "When I started AC3, the computer retail industry was just getting started and was not nearly so defined as it is today. Now, the entry level costs of getting into the business would be 1,000 times what they were 10 years ago, and growth would be much more difficult due to increased competition."

"We added the IBM line in 1985 and decided to try regional expansion by opening three stores in Georgia," Mr. Nunnelley continues. "As the industry grew, so did we, gradually moving into new areas like Massachusetts, Michigan and California."

Today, AC3 boasts more than 400 employees and 26 stores nationwide, 18 of which are located in the Southeast. The company made *Inc.* magazine's list of America's 500 fastest-growing companies in 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1989, and expects revenues of around \$250 million in the current year. The secret to all this success?

"Evolution," according to Mr. Nunnelley.

"Many companies in the computer business have failed because of the rapid rate of change in the industry," he says, noting that calculators now make up only about one percent of AC3's sales. "Besides the rapid obsolescence of equipment and technology, many manufacturers go in and out of business almost overnight and leave their computers unsupported."

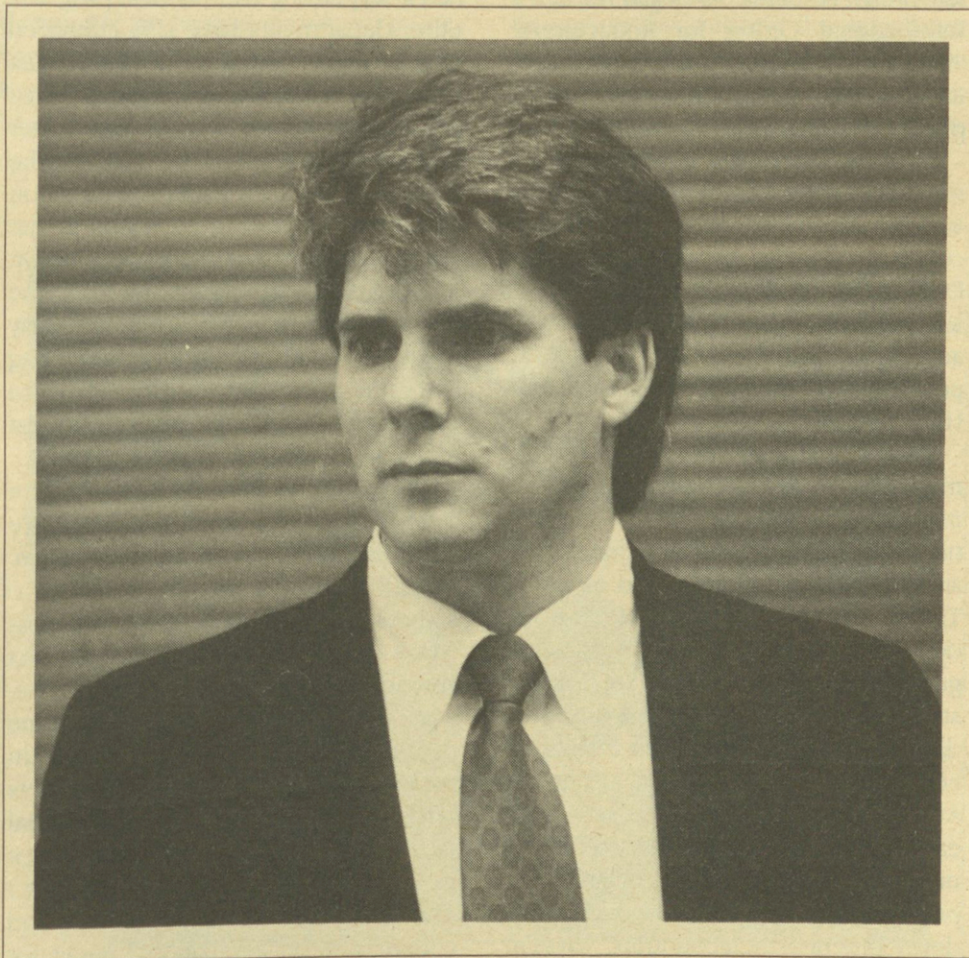
"We've avoided this problem by staying with a few major manufacturers instead of jumping into a 'computer of the month club' mentality," he adds. "A computer is a major investment and it's reassuring to customers to know a vendor has the staying power to support its computers and dealers on down the line."

AC3's sales tactics have also evolved, with the emphasis shifting from retail sales to commercial accounts. "IBM and Compaq have led the way in selling their corporate computers through a retail sales base rather than a direct sales force," Mr. Nunnelley points out, "and that's where AC3 fits in. They count on us to provide sales and service to vendors rather than competing against us, and as a result, our corporate sales have far outstripped our consumer business."

While AC3 has undergone a number of changes on its breakneck rise to the top, Mr. Nunnelley sees himself as essentially the same guy who launched the company with a few calculators and a credit card. Though his piercing blue eyes radiate an almost hypnotic intensity, there's a sparkle to them too, lending credence to his claim that he tries not to take either himself or his job too seriously.

"My priorities in life haven't changed," he says. "My job title is the same as the day the company began and, if anything, my actual responsibilities have been reduced. In the beginning, I did everything myself. These days, I'm mainly involved in planning and vendor and customer relations. The only difference is that as the company has grown, I've broadened my horizons a little. Now I'm able to do things on a national scope."

Asked if he sees himself as a "workaholic," in the typical executive mold, Mr. Nunnelley just laughs. "I work a lot



COMPUTER WHIZ—Fred G. Nunnelley '77, whose AC3 computer sales company's meteoric growth has placed it among the nation's top computer companies with more than \$100 million in 1988 sales, started his business in 1980 with \$300 charged on his credit card.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

of five-hour days," he replies. "I have a lot of faith in the people who work for me and I rely upon them very heavily. With the current size of the business, I have to delegate to get things done, so I hire capable people in specific areas and depend on them to do a better job in their specializations than I could.

"I never want to get in a mode where I work 12 hours a day, seven days a week, and then don't have any more to give if a crisis arises. I'd rather run about half throttle most of the time so if I am needed, I can put in the extra effort to take care of a problem without burning myself out. I've seen too many people burn themselves out."

Above all, Mr. Nunnelley wants to be able to enjoy his work—to think about it on his own terms—such as while he's pursuing his other interests of tennis, watching movies, or dabbling in real estate. And though he's enjoyed his ride to the top of a roller-coaster industry, he's not terribly worried over whether AC3's future holds continued rapid growth, consolidation, or something else.

"I look at my job and ask myself what else I could do that I would enjoy as much," he says. "It's fun—really like a hobby. I just try to keep the challenges in perspective and never reach the point where I lose a great deal of sleep over things. I often look forward to the time when growth will slow down to a more predictable level, but when it does, I'll probably look to grow some more just for the new challenges.

"Sometimes, I find all the quick success a little scary," he admits. "But whenever I get scared I look back and remember that all I really have to lose is \$300. That's all I ever put in it. And, on the bright side, I've held down the same job for 10 years now. That should look awfully good on my resume if I ever have to get out and look for another job."

AU Reaching Out To World With Int'l. Programs

By Lisa Wolfe '91

The word "cosmopolitan" probably doesn't come to mind immediately when most people think of Auburn University. But Auburn actually has quite a few foreign connections due to its role as a major research university, and is set on steadily acquiring more.

Prior to the creation of the International Programs Office in 1986, a coordinating facility for Auburn's international contacts did not exist. Auburn did, however, have contacts world-wide, especially through the Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures. Fisheries, which has had more international activity than any other department, has offered technical assistance to foreign countries since the late '50s.

The department, which Mason Marvel, the director of Auburn's International Programs office, calls "the premiere fisheries and aquaculture program world-wide," began to work closely with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in the late '60s on a number of overseas programs. In 1970, the agency formed a working relationship with Auburn's Fisheries Department; in return for the faculty's expertise and assistance, USAID provided some funding for the department's facilities and staff as well as scholarship money for foreign students. So began Auburn's International Center for Aquaculture. Since the inception of the center, says its director, Bryan Duncan, "we've provided assistance to 92 countries."

Presently the center is working on a number of short-term assistance projects in Latin American, Asian, and African countries. Faculty members, says Dr. Duncan, are also present at four different long-term projects in Indonesia, Rwanda, and Honduras. "We're also looking at possible long-term projects in Egypt and Haiti," he adds.

But the center doesn't stop at merely making international connections; it maintains them through the International Aquaculture Network, funded by an endowment from Mr. and Mrs. G.J. Tankersley '43. Information about departmental research as well as all graduates, many of whom are foreign students, is placed in a computer database so that alumni can "maintain contact with each other and with Auburn—they can communicate with each other and with us about technical matters. This assists them in their professional work as they work for the development of their countries," says Dr. Duncan.

For instance, he explains, "One of our Nigerian graduates wrote to us recently and said he was having problems with

his research. He wanted to know if we had any information that could help. We provided him with information, but we also went to the database and searched for graduates who had expertise in his particular problem area and referred him to them as well."

Although fisheries has traditionally had a very strong international program, other departments have also cultivated international contacts. In 1986, just before the International Programs Office got its start, Auburn formed the Center for International Commerce (CIC) in the College of Business under the direction of Sammy McCord, a professor in the Finance Department. According to Dr. McCord, now the former director, the center functions in much the same way that a consulting firm would, providing valuable information about foreign markets for businesses in the Southeast that wish to expand overseas.

"We're here to assist them, to get them overseas, in any way that we can. We act as a kind of center of information. For instance, this morning I talked to someone with a very small business who's interested in selling his product abroad. So I offered him some alternatives—gave him the names of some people he might talk to and told him about key markets." (Dr. McCord points out, though, that unlike a commercial consulting firm, the CIC does not perform any of its services for profit.) The CIC also sponsors workshops and conferences on international issues for local businesses; last September, for instance, it held a teleconference on the European Community at the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center



EYE ON THE WORLD—Mason Marvel, Auburn's Director of International Programs, coordinates the university's growing international contacts in the form of contracts and grants, cultural exchanges, and programs for students. —Photo by AU Photo Services

for local business people interested in expanding to the European market.

Auburn has also long had valuable international contacts through some of its students. The first foreign student at Auburn came from Mexico in 1871. Now about 675 foreign students attend the university, and they come from just about everywhere: Taiwan, India, the People's Republic of China, Korea, and many African and European nations. Many of these students increase Auburn's international reputation when they return home.

But even with a relatively large number of foreign contacts, Auburn still had no central office to coordinate international activities before President James E. Martin '54 arrived. When Dr. Martin became president in 1984, Dr. Marvel says, one of his goals was to create such an office. He appointed a commission in 1986 to search for a director for the office. When Dr. Marvel began work in April 1986, he reported for work "in a corner of the conference room in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs." Since then, the office has expanded considerably; it is now a full-service program occupying its own suite in Samford Hall.

The office acts as a clearinghouse for many of the international ties held by members of the university community, overseeing everything from an agroforestry project in Haiti to exchanges with institutions in the Soviet Union and China to the orientation and counseling of foreign students and visiting scholars at Auburn.

Dr. Marvel and his staff handle an almost bewildering variety of international activities. One of the most important of these is negotiating and maintaining linkage agreements with foreign universities. A linkage agreement, Dr. Marvel says, states "that Auburn has an interest in cooperative activities with a foreign university." Such an agreement aids the mutual exchange of information, students, and faculty, should either university desire such an exchange.

Presently Auburn has linkage agreements with 27 different universities, including schools in China, the Soviet Union, West Germany, Thailand, Ecuador, and Guatemala. Dr. Marvel considers Auburn's relationship with San Carlos University in Guatemala to be "the showpiece" of the program.

"We've had a lot of interchange between the two schools," he says. "Dean Emmett Thompson from the School of Forestry, Dean Thomas Vaughan of the College of Veterinary Medicine, and I have all visited there recently; I was there just a month ago. Dean Thompson and Dr. Walter Kelley, who just got back, are helping San Carlos with a forestry education program and a master's program curriculum.

"Dean Vaughan and Dr. Daryl Kuhlers, who were there last summer, will return this summer," he adds. "They're advising the vet school, which serves all of Central America, on its curriculum, and looking at related programs about the animal industry. We are also helping set up facilities for satellite linkage, so that we can broadcast all kinds of information; that's a lot cheaper than sending people down there all the time. We hope to

have exchanges in the liberal arts as well."

The International Programs team also provides support for Auburn's more than 600 foreign students as well as visiting scholars from other institutions through its student advisory office, directed by Mary Jo Wear. The office helps students from other countries before they ever set foot in the U.S. by issuing them important visa documents; in fact, says Dr. Marvel, his office is appointed to act as "an official representative for the Immigration Service." Once the students do get to Auburn, the student advisory office helps them find housing and other necessities and counsels them for the duration of their stay.

Yet another project handled by the International Programs office is the administration of mini-grants. These grants are awarded to individual professors for international research assignments. Since 1988, 24 mini-grants have been distributed by the International Programs office. Some of the work done on these mini-grants has resulted in lasting international ties for Auburn students and faculty. Clyde Wolverton of the Foreign Language Department, for instance, who traveled to Germany on a mini-grant, has developed a study and internship program in cooperation with the University of Mannheim in Mannheim, West Germany. Auburn students participating in the program will study at the University of Mannheim during the summer and fall quarters and work for a German company during the spring quarter.

The International Programs office is also involved in a variety of technical assistance projects run by the College of Agriculture. Dr. Marvel says that his office's degree of involvement differs in each case. "Sometimes we handle the fiscal and contracting aspects, and let the individual department handle the technical aspects. We generally act as a coordinating administrative office."

One of the largest technical assistance projects of the International Programs office is a development project in Haiti. Recently, six Auburn faculty members completed the first phase of assignments there, where they participated in the development of an agroforestry research program. The \$4.8 million project is a cooperative effort with the South-East Consortium for International Development and funded by the USAID. As an example of another technical assistance project, Dr. Marvel says that his office has just begun work on a natural resource management project in Rwanda, where Auburn will work in cooperation with Cornell University and a private consulting firm. He adds that he is currently discussing a joint project in Zaire with Southern University.

Even though the International Programs office has plenty of projects to keep it busy, Dr. Marvel has plans to incorporate still more activities. He hopes to bring the multitude of study-abroad programs, now handled by individual departments, under the direction of International Programs. Lately he has been working with an outside consultant to find the best way to do this. In addition, he is exploring the possibility of opening an auxiliary Auburn campus abroad. To this effect,

the Auburn University Study-Aboard Committee, chaired by Dean June Henton of the School of Human Sciences, recently turned in its report about the feasibility of a foreign campus. Finally, he says that one of his pet projects is to establish a specialized program within the English Department for foreign students who use English as a second language.

What exactly does Auburn stand to gain from all its international contacts? According to Dr. Marvel, the most important benefit is the "better understanding" that students and faculty will gain of the world. "Until the recent past, Auburn University was provincial in a sense; it only served the people of Alabama. But Auburn is now truly becoming a globally-oriented university."

AU Research Team Works to Get Bugs Out of Biocontrol

By Emily Riggins '90

As farmers throughout Alabama are getting their hands dirty planting an array of crops, Mother Nature is up to her old tricks. Those pesky bugs and fungi that infest crops have armed themselves with a hearty appetite for a farm feast. But researchers in Auburn's Entomology and Plant Pathology Departments have hooked their green thumbs together to kill the bugs without using pesticides. The researchers have formed a group of biological control experts, who call themselves the bio-control team, to find natural means of protecting crops that will not damage the environment.

With the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pushing for more restrictions on pesticide use, an alternative means to protecting crops is much needed. Pesticide residues have been found in crops, and although they may or may not be harmful, Dr. Tim Mack,

associate professor in the Entomology Department, says they are reason for concern. If pesticide traces are found in the plants themselves, the pesticides could also penetrate the soil and threaten groundwater quality. For all of these reasons combined with U.S. government restrictions on many effective pesticides, the search is on to find a successful means of biological control.

Biological control may sound complex, but Dr. Mack explains that it is simply attempting to restore or enhance natural situations. There are several strategies to mimic the natural environment, and Dr. Mack and a team of biological control experts are using natural predators or enemies of pests as a means of control. "We're trying to control or manage organisms and pests by using other organisms," Dr. Mack explained. One way to accomplish this control is to import natural enemies of the pest. For instance, Dr. Mack is currently studying the effects of a non-stinging wasp found predominately in Bolivia on the Lesser Cornstalk Borer, a caterpillar that can destroy peanut crops.

"The caterpillar lives in the soil so it's hard to detect. The pest doesn't do much feeding above ground," he said. The insect is found throughout the Southeast, but is more predominant in South America. Dr. Mack said, "We're more likely to find a predator of the pest where the pest has lived for a long time." Bio-control studies in South America found a parasitic insect that destroys the borer. The insect, which becomes a small wasp, acts as a predator of the pest. The wasp, which is about the size of a gnat, locates the insects in the fields.

"The wasp will not attack anything but the Lesser Cornstalk Borer. As far as we know, it is species specific." Although the caterpillar is usually found in the soil, the pest comes above the ground once it becomes a moth, and that is when the wasp goes to work. "The moth lays its eggs in the soil, and the eggs hatch into small caterpillars. When the caterpillar crawls around to find food plants is probably when the wasp sees it, lands

on it, and lays an egg into it," Dr. Mack explained.

"Once the wasp's egg is inside the caterpillar and hatches, the wasp grows, eats the caterpillar from the inside and eventually destroys the pest, just like in the movie *Aliens*," he said. "One thing the team has to find out is how long it takes the wasp to kill the borer," he said. Because the wasp isn't found in the United States, Dr. Mack and his bio-control team hope they will be able to import the wasps from South America, and release them over peanut crops to fight off pests. The wasps are currently being studied in Texas, but Auburn researchers have to receive approval from the government before they can be sent here, he said. Because the studies of the wasps are fairly recent, Dr. Mack explained that the government usually has a waiting period to see the results of the tests in one area before experimenting in other areas.

The borer is considered the predominant pest that affects peanuts in the South. Because few of the natural enemies of the pest can tolerate the heat and environment, the pests continue to survive and reproduce, he said.

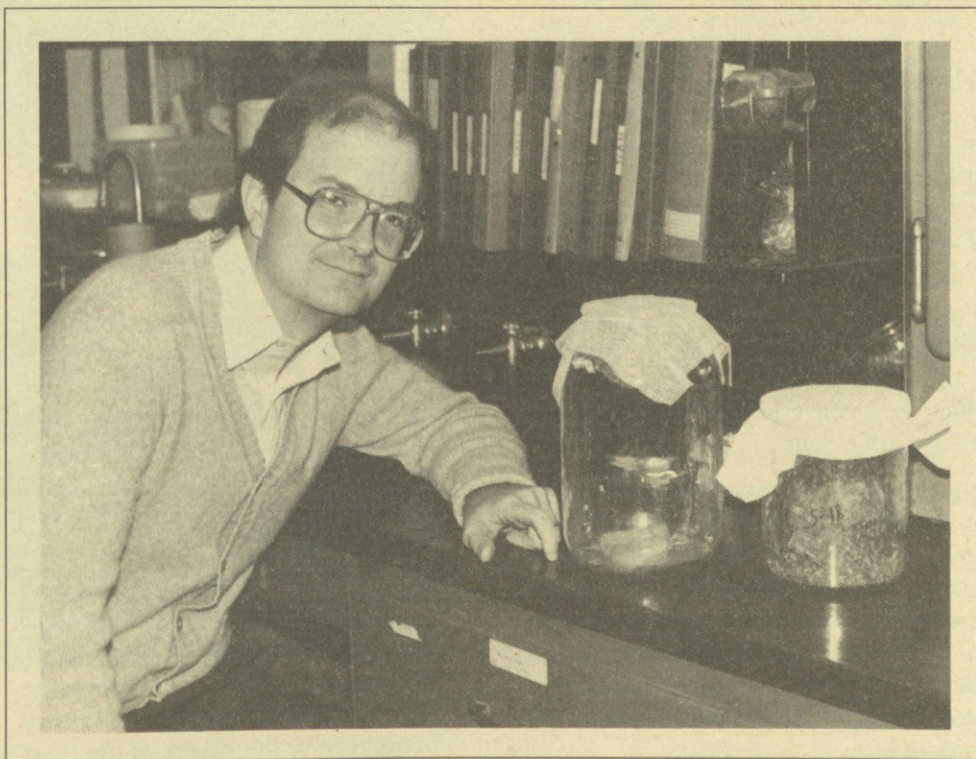
Dr. Mack doesn't concentrate solely on using the wasp, but also suggests other alternatives for peanut farmers. "Farmers who use conventional tillage can change to reduced tillage." Conventional tillage plows up dead plants and mixes them into the soil. This allows the sun to directly hit the soil and increases the soil's temperature. But if farmers use reduced tillage by leaving much of the dead plants intact and only plowing a narrow row, the soil temperature will be lower because the sun is blocked. "Dead plants act as natural shading and also absorb water, which can also keep the soil cooler," Dr. Mack explained. There is a greater chance that natural enemies of the peanut pest will be able to survive if the soil remains cool. But the reduced tillage requires different machinery than does conventional tillage, and Dr. Mack said the new equipment needed is sometimes too costly for many farmers.

Just as Dr. Mack is studying the use of natural pests as a means of bio-control, Auburn researchers are using other pesticide alternatives that have proven just as successful. Dr. J.W. Kloepper, an associate professor in the Plant Pathology Department, uses bacteria that are found on the roots of plants as a fungicide for use on seeds.

Although there are thousands of bacterium on a plant's root, Dr. Kloepper and other members of the bio-control team isolate those that help fight against fungi. Once the growth-promoting bacteria are found in the laboratory, they are enhanced through bioengineering, he said. Then large doses of the beneficial bacteria are added to the plant seed to help fight off disease.

"A root normally has a balance of beneficial and harmful bacteria, so a healthy plant is a result of having a proper balance," Dr. Kloepper explained. "By adding extra good bacteria, the plant becomes more resistant to fungi that might develop later."

Dr. Kloepper's experiments may help farmers caught in the crunch between



BUCKET O' BUGS—Tim Mack, an associate professor in the Department of Entomology and a member of Auburn's bio-control team, keeps a healthy supply of insect pests in his campus laboratory for use in his bio-control studies.

—Photo by Emily Riggins

protecting the environment and trying to produce crops. But if pesticide alternatives are not found and used soon, Dr. Kloepper says that Alabama's economy may be affected. "Given a scenario where the government is continuing to ban pesticides, crop yields will decrease unless alternatives to pesticides are found," he warned.

"We're trying to find biological controls which are compatible to chemicals so pesticide use may be reduced, and living organisms will be able to control the rest of the problem." Although the pesticides help protect crops, Dr. Kloepper said some studies show that pesticides contaminate groundwater. "The EPA's main concern is finding contaminated water and residues of carcinogens in plants," he explained. "The American public is saying 'enough pesticides.'"

And, according to Drs. Kloepper and Mack, Auburn researchers are sensitive to the public's demands. The two, along with other bio-control researchers, are working on a proposal to begin a Bio-Control Institute at Auburn that would combine research from the Entomology and Plant Pathology Departments. "The institute would be a mechanism to integrate and focus on diverse research on bio-control," Dr. Kloepper explained. "Although the departments would remain similar to the way they are now, researchers interested in bio-control could share a common facility for experiments." The facility could allow bio-control researchers to address teaching, research, and extension. "The institute would allow us to compete for research dollars," Dr. Kloepper said.

Although the search for pesticide alternatives is world-wide, Auburn can play a key role in developing new ways to control pests. "Auburn has a window of opportunity because there is not a bio-control institute in the U.S. that integrates plant pathology and entomology," Dr. Kloepper said. The bio-control researchers from both departments will complete the proposal for the institute early this summer, then Vice President of Academic Affairs Ronald Henry will review the proposal and decide whether to pursue the project, he added.

Although the institute would require additional courses, space, and teachers, Dr. Kloepper said he believes it is worthwhile. "There is a tremendous global push for bio-control. Other universities are talking about forming similar programs to the one we are proposing, but Auburn already has faculty with a strong reputation and background in bio-control."

Cater Hall Looks To 75th Birthday

By Laure Evans '90
AU News Bureau

Katharine Cooper Cater Hall, a stately, neoclassic home-turned-office in the middle of campus, turns 75 years old this year.

Built in 1915 for \$17,000, Cater Hall is the sixth-oldest building on campus behind Langdon Hall (1876), Hargis Hall (1887), Samford Hall (1888), Martin Hall



YESTERDAY—Cater Hall as it looked in 1929, when it served as the home of Auburn President Bradford Knapp. —AU Archives Photo

(1908), and O.D. Smith Hall (1914). It originally served as the president's mansion, with Charles Coleman Thach being the first Auburn president to live there. Others who lived in the house included Presidents Spright Dowell (1920 to 1928), Bradford Knapp (1928 to 1932), and Luther Noble Duncan (1935 to 1947).

Cater Hall has also witnessed several beginnings. Dr. Thach's daughter, Bessie Thach Curtis, had a baby daughter in the mansion on Aug. 15, 1915. Sigma Lambda chapter of Kappa Delta sorority was founded in the attic of the building in 1922, and at least two couples (Alberta and Knox McMillan '33 and Carolyn and Luther Young '41) have been married in the home.

After the current president's home was built in 1938, the former mansion became a social center and office for the women's dormitories. The building was remodeled in 1940 and soon became known as the Social Center.

Small rooms without doors at the end of the building served as dating parlors. Coeds used these rooms, called "mushrooms," for entertaining dates, and Rosa Lee Walston, who served as dean of women at the time, moved in upstairs. Marion Spidle, who became both dean of women and head of the Department of Home Economics in 1942, also lived at the Social Center.

The east wing of the building was remodeled in 1944 to serve as a post office for the women. As the student body grew, the dating parlors and post office were converted into offices for the Social Center staff.

Katharine Cooper Cater, for whom the building is named, came to Auburn from Furman University in South Carolina, where she directed student personnel. She became dean of women at Auburn in 1946 and moved into the Social Center. She held this position until 1976, when her title was changed to dean of student life.

Miss Cater used the home for social and cultural events, hosting teas, meetings, and student parties. She instituted

receptions for senior women each spring and fall, and her annual Christmas party for students, faculty, and townspeople grew until it included hundreds. The

building was dedicated as Katharine Cooper Cater Hall on April 25, 1980. Miss Cater died in the home on July 23, later that same year.

Trustee Morris Savage '59 said at the dedication ceremony, "Buildings are named for persons whose lives exemplify the purpose of the building, and Katharine Cater's love and compassion for individuals, her nourishment and support of women, her gaiety and wit, permeate every room here..."

After Miss Cater's death, the Office of Student Affairs moved into the building. Student Affairs, Panhellenic Council, and the Office of Affirmative Action now share Cater Hall, though the Panhellenic Council will move to Foy Union as soon as renovations are completed there.

Forensic Tool May Help Save Rare Species

By Robyn Hearn '83
AU News Bureau

An Auburn zoologist is working to adapt a technique used to identify criminals by their

Katharine Cater Remembered For Her Smiles, Support

Katharine Cooper Cater is often remembered as the tough "silver-haired hostess of the Social Center."

Miss Cater was born in Macon, Ga., in 1914, graduated from Lanier High School in 1931, and entered Limestone College, a small Baptist school in Gaffney, S.C., later that same year. At Limestone, she studied English, French, and education, graduating magna cum laude in 1935. She began teaching English at Boiling Springs High School in Spartanburg, S.C., then received her master's degree from Mercer University in 1938 and took a job teaching English back at Limestone.

Miss Cater left in 1940 for Syracuse University, where she received an M.S. degree in 1942. While at Syracuse, she served as student dean. She then became director of student personnel at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. She stayed there for three years, and in 1945 returned to Syracuse for advanced study toward a doctorate. She never received the doctorate, and after studying at Syracuse for a year, Miss Cater decided to return South. She came to Auburn in July 1946 and took over as dean of women and social director under President Luther Duncan.

Always a strong supporter of women's rights, Miss Cater worked hard to attract more women students and women's organizations to Auburn. She was responsible for bringing the Alpha Lambda Delta and Mortar Board honoraries to the plains. At the time, both were exclusively women's honor societies.

Miss Cater discovered she had leukemia in 1977 and spent her last three years fighting the disease. In 1988, she was inducted into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame for her significant contributions to Auburn and the women's movement.



REMEMBERED WITH A SMILE—Katharine Cooper Cater poses on the front porch of Cater Hall, shortly before her death in 1980. Miss Cater served as dean of women, and later dean of student life at Auburn from 1946 until 1980.

genetic makeup for use as a tool to help endangered wildlife survive.

Fragments of the genetic material DNA have been successfully used to identify murderers and rapists, said Michael Wooten, assistant professor of zoology and wildlife science. He is attempting to use the same process to aid in the re-establishment of endangered wildlife populations. Pieces of DNA can be gathered from crime scenes in bits of hair, skin, or blood that a criminal leaves behind. When analyzed with sophisticated scientific techniques, these genetic samples have proven to be as telling as fingerprints. Dr. Wooten thinks such DNA "fingerprinting" could provide a new tool for management decisions concerning colonies of animals.

Dr. Wooten's work is part of a project led by Nick Holler, a zoology professor and leader of the Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Auburn. Dr. Holler and other environmentalists are working to help three beach mouse subspecies which are on the Federal Endangered Species List. But mice are not the only creatures that can benefit from DNA fingerprinting, Dr. Wooten said. The process could be used to study any population of animals.

"For example, when a prize buck is introduced into a wildlife management area for deer, DNA fingerprinting could be used to measure his genetic impact on the population," he said. "Natural

variation plays a great role in a species' survival. Loss of genetic variability can lead to extinction."

Inbreeding, or mating among closely related animals, in a population can lower the animals' ability to function. If Dr. Wooten's research pays off, DNA fingerprinting may be used to determine if all individuals in a population contributed to the gene pool or if the population is becoming inbred. If inbreeding is identified, management decisions can be made to correct the problem.

After new populations of animals have been established, DNA fingerprinting could be used to study later generations, Dr. Wooten explained. If the genomes, or genetic information, of the parents are known, genetic material can be traced to their descendants in a population. This would allow scientists to determine which animals contributed most to the gene pool.

In genetic fingerprinting, radioactive DNA probes are used to identify fragments of DNA from the animals under study. DNA is first extracted from the blood and cut into random pieces. Other sequences of the genetic material are made radioactive and mixed with the DNA fragments under study. The probes will look for and bind to matching parts in the non-radioactive fragments. DNA linked to the probes shows up as black lines on exposed X-ray film.

Dr. Wooten said if this process is repeated several times, it is possible to identify DNA fragments as unique to an individual animal as fingerprints are to humans. These unique sequences of genetic material can also be used to identify the parents of given offspring.

In the endangered beach mouse project, Dr. Wooten will use DNA fingerprinting to study natural and captive colonies of animals. Beach mice, which live in dunes on short stretches of beach within 500 yards of the surf, were once common along the Gulf Coast of Alabama and Florida, but storms, predators, beachside development, and competition with house mice have limited populations of the three endangered subspecies. One, the Perdido Key beach mouse, has been reduced to approximately 100 members.

"The mice are important members of the dune community, a community that doesn't include a large number of vertebrate species," Dr. Holler noted. He is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Florida in the effort to save the endangered mice. The project involves monitoring existing mouse populations, predators, and habitats; relocating mice to previously occupied habitats; and establishing a captive breeding program.

Alabama's Black Bears Finding Life in State More Bearable

By Katie Smith '82

Alabamians may not have the Loch Ness Monster or Bigfoot, but they can lay claim to an elusive and impressive legend that has walked out of the state's past and into its present. That legend is the black bear, the largest carnivore in the eastern U.S., which has been the focus of a cooperative study conducted by the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station at Auburn and the Alabama Department of Natural Resources.

"The black bear was common in Alabama until about 100 years ago when farmers began clearing land to plant cotton," said Julian Dusi, professor of zoology and wildlife science at Auburn and project leader for the study. This agricultural activity squeezed the black bear out of its normal habitat, forcing it to retreat into the swamps and forested river bottoms of the state.

The bear's limited population, natural shyness, and preference for secluded habitats have kept it out of the human domain for many years except for random sightings. But today, as more and more farmland becomes reforested, the black bear is becoming more visible.

"Around 1983, we began hearing about several bear casualties on highways and several sightings throughout the state," Dr. Dusi said. This increase in human contact suggested that either the bear population was increasing or human pressures were crowding the bear's remaining habitat. Concerned with the future of the animals, Dr. Dusi and his associates initiated a study to

learn more about the bear's activities and habits.

Black bears are found most frequently in southwestern Alabama along the Mobile, Tensaw, Tombigbee, and Alabama rivers. The research project was conducted in a 25-square-mile area located northwest of Saraland in Mobile County where five animals were trapped, sedated, and fitted with radio tracking collars. Sightings of other bears in the area suggested that as many as 10 were inhabiting that specific vicinity during the study period.

"The black bears in the Saraland area did not hibernate in the winter," said Dr. Dusi. "They stayed active all year, remaining in the swamps and not roaming very far. But, if you started tracking them, they would move. They were alert at all times." Dr. Dusi said mild weather in the southwestern part of the state ensures a year-round food supply for the bears and allows them to forgo hibernating.

The research team also discovered that the bears did not range great distances. Of the animals tracked, the largest range was for a two-year-old male that ranged in an eight-square-mile area. The four females ranged from less than a square mile to just over seven square miles during the winter. "We didn't catch any really large old males which are supposed to have bigger territories," Dr. Dusi noted.

Alabama black bears tend to be smaller than their northern cousins, Dr. Dusi added. The female bears evaluated in the study weighed between 150 and 180 pounds while the young male weighed about 50 pounds. A large male, killed on an area highway in 1983, weighed 445 pounds. Dr. Dusi attributed the small size of the bears to habitat and diet. He said the Saraland bears ate very little meat despite their classification as carnivores. Their diets consisted mainly of acorns, berries, fruit, and insects.

Heavily forested, remote habitat is probably the reason that black bears have concentrated in southwestern Alabama. Still, bears have been known to wander throughout Alabama and sightings have been reported in Opelika, Spring Villa, Tuskegee, and other locations. Since the research project was limited to the Saraland area, Dr. Dusi was unable to make a statewide appraisal of the bear population, though estimates suggest that as many as 100 to 150 live in Alabama.

Dr. Dusi believes that bear numbers are increasing and may result in increased human contact with animals. But, he said, Alabamians need not fear. The black bear, which is protected by state game laws, is rarely aggressive toward humans. Sometimes they become nuisances by raiding beehives, trash cans, and corn bins, but they are usually easily repelled by electric fences.

According to Dr. Dusi, the future of Alabama's black bears depends largely on the protection of existing habitat and the development of more areas where the shy creature can thrive unmolested by man. He said further research is needed to learn more about bears in other sections of the state. "I'd like to see how much they wander and how they survive in other areas where they don't have swamps to hide in."



MOUSE AID—Karen Fleming, left, and Elizabeth Hill are among the graduate students who have worked with zoology professor Nick Holler in his efforts to save the endangered Perdido Key Beach Mouse. The project is a joint effort of the Auburn-based Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the State of Florida.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

ALUMNALITIES



SUPPORTING AUBURN AGRICULTURE—Every last Wednesday in January a group of Auburn agriculture supporters gather for a luncheon in Montgomery. Most of those participating are alumni from the mid-forties who claim their membership fee is "to tell a good joke." At the meeting this year were, kneeling, left to right: Phillip Saunders '68, Ray Bozeman '62, Sam Booker '47, Bill Nordan '44, Pete Turnham '44, Roy Fuller '46, and Ralph Killebrew '44. Standing, left to right: Brad Smith, Pyron Keener '44, Ham Wilson '43, Claude Goolsby '49, M.F. Hester '50, Floyd Cook '33, Check Stephens '47, Stan Wilson '53, Charles Rollo '41, Mixson Byrd '47, John B. Smith '47, and Rufus Barnett '46.

'38 Clyde Jones '38 of Daleville is the No. 2 singles tennis player in Alabama in the 70-75 age group.

James (Mike) Edge '38 of Birmingham recently returned from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he served as a volunteer with the International Executive Service Corps. While in Brazil, he worked with a steel mill, helping to start up a galvanizing production line.

'45-'47 Ben T. Richardson '45 of Scottsboro is the state representative for District 23.

Robert L. Saunders '47 has been appointed to serve on the Southern Regional Education Board's Policy Advisory Committee. He lives in Somerville.

'51-'53 Roy T. Brock, Jr. '51 has been awarded the W.E. Upjohn Award for his work as senior consultant of The Upjohn Company's Atlanta pharmaceutical sales division. He and his wife, Ruth, live in Greenville, S.C.

Herman Marks '51 of Decatur is the state representative for District 8.

Albert K. Barton '51 is technical coating supervisor for Mead Coated Board, Inc., in Phenix City. He was recently presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Technical Association for the Pulp and Paper Industry.

Taylor Littleton '51 was recently honored with a reception for his co-authorship of *Advancing American Art: Painting, Politics, and Cultural Confrontation at Mid Century*.

Winford B. Hickman '53 has been promoted to president of Atlas Systems Corp. in Spokane, Wash.

Oscar Strickland '53 recently was presented a certificate of appreciation from Gov. Guy Hunt for his work as Extension Service coordinator of Alabama's Agriculture and Forestry Leaders program.

'55-'59 John P. Beasley '55 of Columbia is the state representative of District 85.

Fred Denton '55 of Montgomery has been named secretary of the Japan-America Society of Alabama.

Shirley Brown Dillard '56 is a research

assistant at the South Alabama Medical Science Foundation in Mobile, where she lives with her husband, Doyle.

J. Tracy O'Rourke '56 has been elected chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Varian Associates, Inc., in Palo Alto, Calif.

J. Fred O'Brian '57 has received the 1989 Auburn Extension Award for Excellence for his work as director of the College of Engineering Extension Service.

James W. Howard '58 is a project engineer for CRS Sitrine in Greenville, S.C.

Fred Jordan '58 is a senior manager with CRS Sitrine and Metcalf and Eddy in the joint construction of a large military program for the Saudi Arabian government. He and his wife, **Barbara Roy** '56, live in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Betty Knight '58 has been appointed secretary/treasurer and operations manager of Johnson and Associates in Birmingham.

Henry B. Gentry '59 is co-owner of Gentry Machine Works in Columbus, Ga., where he lives with his wife, **Edith Ann Corbett** '60.

Ronald J. Harris '59 has been named deputy director of Advanced Program Development for NASA's Office of Space Flight.

'60 Roy C. Billingsley of Montgomery works for ERC International.

Howard Palmes of Birmingham is vice president of network provisioning at South Central Bell. He is also a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and is chairman of Auburn's Alumni Engineering Council.

William M. Voigt is president of Positive Maturity, Inc., in Birmingham.

George R. Anderson of Aberdeen, N.C., is chief of the engineering division, directorate of engineering and housing at Fort Bragg, N.C. He has been selected as an executive council member of the American Public Works Association Institute for Buildings and Grounds.

Wilson Hall has been promoted to full professor of English at Shorter College in Rome, Ga.

Samuel R. Pate of Tullahoma, Tenn., became president of Sverdrup Technology, Inc., on Jan. 1.

Willie T. Hawkins, Jr., is a partner in C&S Pharmacy in Roanoke.

Joe Lambert recently was presented the Builder Big Spike Award from the Greater Montgomery Home Builders Association for the greatest number of new members recruited and renewals of current members in one year.

Joe Carothers of Dothan is the District 86 representative. He is also a farmer and teacher.

Artis L. Higgins is a staff assistant to the director of safety for NASA at Marshall Space Flight Center. He and his wife, Iris, live in Huntsville.

Tyrone Samples of Huntsville recently was inducted into the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame.

'61 Charles H. Shelton is a consultant for SRA Corp. He lives in Tampa, Fla., with his wife, Marie.

Larkin Wade, extension forestry coordinator in the School of Forestry, has been named the W. Kelly Mosley Environmental Professor at Auburn.

Pete Turnham is the president of Alabama Contract Sales in Auburn. He is also the representative for the 79th district in Alabama.

Richard W. Barnwell is chief scientist at the NASA Langley Research Center. He lives in Newport News, Va., with his wife, Happy, and their sons, Richie and Bobby.

'62 Herman Wayne Herring of Moss Point, Miss., owns a McDonald's franchise.

'63 Phillip L. Medlin is an assistant chief pilot for Delta Airlines in Atlanta. He and his wife, **Pat Little** '62, live in Marietta, Ga., where Pat is an interior decorator.

William A. Kantor of Schaumburg, Ill., is the manager of the engineering section of Northrop in Rolling Meadows, Ill.

Bob Middleton was named a master salesman for 1989 by the Monsanto Co. on Feb. 14. He and his wife, Linda, live in Marietta, Ga., and have three children.

Richard A. Byrd is a field services specialist with the Department of Health and Human Services in Atlanta. He and his wife, Ann, live in Doraville, Ga.

Suanne Lett Black teaches kindergarten at Fitzpatrick School in Montgomery.

Frank Daves Ellis and his wife, **Mary Ann Williams**, live in Macon, Ga., where he is a materials manager for HCA Coliseum Hospital Corp., and she is the director of education at the Museum of Arts and Sciences.

Ken Henson, dean of Eastern Kentucky University's College of Education, was honored as one of 70 distinguished leaders in teacher education from the Association of Teacher Educators on Feb. 8.

'64 Jean Mackey Harwell works as a clerk in the Newton County (Ga.) Juvenile Court. Her husband, **William C. Harwell** '62, owns Harwell Funeral Home in Covington, Ga.

Steve McMillan of Bay Minette is the 95th district representative. He works with real estate and land appraisal.

Luther Burl James and his wife, **Claudia Wadsworth** '66, live in Spruce Pine and teach for Franklin County Schools. He teaches agribusiness, and she is an elementary school teacher.

Winston Alan Darden is the president of Darden Transfer and Storage Co. His wife, **Carolyn Rollins**, owns Carolyn Darden Enterprises. They live in Albertville and have three daughters, Chris, Rene, and Alana.

'65 Joe Burns Hamilton owns Lake Spivey Golf Club. He lives in Jonesboro, Ga., with his wife, Sherry.

Ralph Waldo Walker, II, of Marianna, Fla., practices psychiatry at Jackson Hospital.

Carole Johnson Thieme of Alexandria, Va., is a graphic designer. Her husband, **Don J. Thieme** '64, is the executive director of public relations and development of National Captioning Institute in Falls Church, Va.

Jim Vandiver is an instructor for The Solutions Group in Birmingham.

Robert W. Colvard is business manager for the Montgomery Country Club. He and his wife, Carole, live in Eclectic.

Lt. Col. **James D. Stephens** is the associate superintendent for finance and support for the Bibb County school system in Macon, Ga. He was awarded the Legion of Merit on Sept. 28, 1989, during retirement ceremonies for almost 24 years of service in the Army.

James B. Saxon of Leeds has received the 1989 Engineering Achievement Award from the Auburn Engineering Council. He is manager of process and product development for Square D Co.-Anderson Products.

Shirley Nix Loiselle is the principal of Palominas K-8 school in Hereford, Ariz., and is on the Elementary Board of School Administrators. She lives in Sierra Vista, Ariz., with her husband, Emile.

Lowell Barron of Fyffe is a pharmacist. He is also a representative to the state legislature.

Robert T. Heard of Trussville recently was elected president of the Alabama Home Office Underwriters Association. He is a regional health superintendent for State Farm Mutual Insurance Co.

'66 Anna Link Hendry works in sales for Hart Schaffner Marx (Zachry) in Union City, Ga. Her husband, **Gary R. Hendry**, is an industrial engineer for Georgia Power in Forest Park, Ga. They live in Peachtree City, Ga.

William B. Dickey of Gallion is a commercial marketing engineer for Alabama Power.

Paul J. Lowery is a corporate pilot for American Family Corp. He and his wife, **Patricia Gwin**, live in Columbus, Ga.

Roger C. Champion recently was named the National Account Executive of the Year by Code Incorporated for his achievement

in the marketing and sale of food products in 1989. He is the president of C&W Food Service, Inc., in Tallahassee, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Donna, and their sons, Hunter and Spencer.

Tom Clement owns Construction Consultants in Montgomery. He is a member of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce and Associated Builders and Contractors.

Vassilios Protopsaltis of Athens, Greece, is the dean of evening and continuing education at The American College of Greece.

Lt. Col. **Roger E. Walker**, retired from the Air Force after 23 years of duty, attends law school. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Riverside, Calif., with their daughters, Bess and Suzanne.

'67 William R. Gwin, Auburn's Burlington Professor of Architecture, was invited to participate in a national symposium concerning the direction of architecture today, entitled "Postmodernism and Beyond: Architecture as the Critical Art," in Irvine, Calif., in October.

Leo C. Mueller, III, is the national sales manager for Allied Corrosion Industries, Inc. He and his wife, **Raye Ward '68**, live in Mobile.

Amelia Barton Trowbridge owns Hawaii Hometrend, Inc., in Kailua-Kona, Hi. She and her husband, Charles, live in Captain Cook, Hi.

Jo Ellen McKinney Trammell is a specific learning disabilities teacher for Orange County (Fla.) schools in Orlando. She and her husband, Allen, live in Apopka, Fla.

John T. Casey has been named president and chief executive officer of The Samaritan Foundation in Phoenix, Ariz.

William R. Gwin is a professor of architecture at Auburn. He was the guest photographer for the month of March at the Soho Photo Gallery in New York.

Larry D. Morgan of Birmingham is general manager of Alabama Power Co. Employees Credit Union.

Patricia P. Cobb, an Auburn extension entomologist, was nominated for the Distinguished Achievement Award for Extension Excellence from the Southeastern branch of the Entomological Society of America.

'68 Daniel Bennett, head of Auburn's Department of Architecture, was recently honored by the Alabama Council of the American Institute of Architects for his work on the Garner Green House in Jackson, Miss.

T. Gregory Mullins is yarn group director for Shaw Industries, Inc., in Dalton, Ga., where he lives with his wife, **Angelyn Mahan '71**, a social worker for Hamilton Medical Center.

W.R. McNair has been named vice president of corporate affairs and elected an officer at South Central Bell corporate headquarters in Birmingham.

Lt. Col. **Luther B. (Benny) Copeland** is a weapons systems officer for the Mississippi Air National Guard at Key Field in Meridian, Miss. In August he flew his 4000th hour in the Phantom II RF-4C aircraft. He and his wife, Joann, live in Hickory, Miss., and have two children, Tina and Josh.

David R. Nichols is president of Directional Publishing, Inc., in Irondale.

Donald Holmes of Oxford is an accountant and the 12th district state legislature representative.

Seth Hammett of Andalusia is a bank president and the 92nd district state legislature representative.

Robert Elliott Kimbrough is an electrical engineer for Reynolds Metals in Sheffield.

Gary V. King is an engineer for the Georgia Department of Transportation in Chamblee, Ga. He and his wife, Gloria, live in Austell, Ga.

Janet Mitchell Martin of Dothan teaches kindergarten at First Methodist Church.

Marvin J. Ward is an accreditation specialist for the Alabama Department of Education. He lives in Montgomery with his wife, **Mary Ann Morgan '70**, the director

of culinary arts at Trenholm State Technical College.

'69 Meredith B. Bohler of Mount Pleasant, S.C., is a sales representative for Safeco in Charleston, S.C.

Joseph E. Murphy is a manufacturer's representative at Western Florida Lighting in Dunedin, Fla. He and his wife, Liz, live in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Janyce Hanson Stout teaches special education at Breckenridge County High in Harned, Ky. Her husband, **Michael E. Stout '73**, is an accountant at Ft. Knox, Ky. They live in Elizabethtown, Ky., with their daughter, Amanda, 9.

John R. Brock is the president of P.J. Lumber Co. He and his wife, **Linda Richey '65**, live in Daphne.

Stephen H. Keown is senior design engineer with BASF Central Engineering in Houston, Texas, where he lives with his wife and daughter.

Samuel H. Franklin is a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Lightfoot, Franklin, White & Lucas.

Arthur H. Metcalf, II, is the managing partner of Metcalf, Zima & Company, Certified Public Accountants, in Atlanta.

C. Michael Benson is a partner in the law firm of Davis, Cox, Benson, & Brady in Auburn.

Thomas E. Dorsey of Lilburn, Ga., is manager of planning and projects for Georgia Power in Atlanta.

Beverly D. Henderson Thompson is an information specialist for the Alabama Department of Revenue in Montgomery. Her husband, **James A. Thompson '71**, is associate dean of prison education at Central Alabama Community College in Alexander City. They live in Coosada.

Paul A. Weddle, Jr., of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., is the vice president of corporate logistics for Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc., in Irvine, Calif. He and his wife have two children.

John Thurman Self works for the University of Alabama. He and his wife, Linda, live in Tuscaloosa.

Temple Bowling, IV, of Tullahoma, Tenn., is the director of contract management at Arnold AFB, Tenn. He and his wife, **Janice Henderson**, have three children: Temple,

Van an Auburn freshman; Elizabeth; and Jonathan.

Larry W. Gaines works for Scherer Labs, Inc., in sales. He and his wife, Glenda, live in Montgomery.

Robert R. Jones, III, DVM, practices at Animal Medical Center in Danville, Va.

'70 Ronald E. McCulloch of Russellville is a superintendent highway contractor.

Jerry H. Peavy is a staff analyst with Bell-South Services in Birmingham, where he lives with his wife, Elaine.

Otis L. (Buddy) Porch is a pharmacist with Big B Drugs in Huntsville, where he lives with his wife, Ann.

Lt. Col. **Dwight D. Keesee** is the chief of spectrum management for the Army at the European Command in Germany.

Benjamin C. Wiechman of Naperville, Ill., works as a course instructor and developer at the Bellcore Training and Education Center in Lisle, Ill.

William Michael Dollar has been named treasurer and chief financial officer for the John H. Harland Co. in Atlanta.

Joe Cowan is vice president of systems for Eurotherm Corp. in Reston, Va. His wife, **JoAnn Culpepper '69**, is a chemist for ARTECH Corp. in Chantilly, Va. They live in Centreville, Va., and have three sons, Joey, Jonathan, and Jeremy.

Tom Butler of Madison is the 6th district state legislative representative and a pharmacist.

Jimmy W. Fike is general manager of Rahal Toyota in Dothan. He and his wife, Kimberly, live in Bainbridge, Ga.

Howard Michael Strickland works for Georgia Pacific Pulp and Paper Co. He lives in Brunswick, Ga., with his wife, Carol.

Waters Honored by Bush For Public Service

Daleville High agriculture teacher Alan Waters '76 recently was named a "Point of Light" by President George Bush for his dedication to the involvement of young people in community service. The president began the "Points of Light" program in 1989 to recognize individuals, institutions, and initiatives across the country that exemplify a commitment to outstanding community service.

Mr. Waters, a graduate in agribusiness education currently doing graduate work at Auburn, and his Future Farmers of America (FFA) students were also recognized as having one of the best community service programs in the nation. Their FFA service program was the South's only winner of the "To Give and Learn" program, sponsored by IBM in association with *U.S. News and World Report*.

Six winners nationwide were selected from more than 1,600 entries for the "To Give and Learn" competition, designed to identify and honor outstanding teacher-directed student community service programs in grades K-12.

Bill Bowling of Hanceville is the 12th district state legislative representative.

'71 James E. Benoit of Pensacola, Fla., is a flight instructor with Comair, Inc.

William Ray Turner is international sales manager for Powell Electrical Manufacturing Co. in Houston, Texas. He and his wife, Laura, live in Katy, Texas.

Thomas Floyd Worthy is vice president of marketing for Globaltech, Inc., in Montgomery.

James Thomas Sentell of Stevenson is county engineer for Jackson County.

Mary Alice Smith of Smyrna, Ga., is a research scientist at Emory University in Atlanta. She recently received her Ph.D. in toxicology from the University of Arkansas.

Robert Wilson, who works for Hoar



ALUMNI BOARD—The 1990-91 Alumni Association Board recently got together for a photo while on campus for a meeting. Members and *ex officio* members of the board include, seated, left to right, Cynthia Williams Athey '72, Pamela Wells Sheffield '65, President Ruel Russell '48, Joyce Reynolds Ringer '59, and Marian Foreman Moore, a member of the class of 1953. Second row, left to right: Joseph F. Busta '69, vice president for advancement as of July 1; John Blackwell '64; David Smith '56; Paul Spina '63; Rhett Riley '58, Auburn University vice president for finance; Rusty Allman '69; and William Powell '66. Third row, left to right: Tommy Lowder '72, J. Ford Laumer '62, Batey Gresham '57, Harold Sharpe '41, Charles Mayton '49, Cleve Wester '59, and W. Dee Powell, acting executive director of Alumni and Development.



ODK AWARD—The Auburn chapter of the Omicron Delta Kappa honorary recently presented the Howard Strong and Robert B. Strong Memorial Award to J. Ford Laumer, Jr. '62, a member of the Alumni Association Board and an assistant professor of marketing at Auburn. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding concern for and helpfulness to students. Pictured, from left, are Jimmy Poukakos, ODK president; Dr. Laumer; and Grant Davis, ODK faculty advisor.

Construction in Birmingham, has been installed as second vice president of Associated Builders and Contractors of Alabama.

Mike Mikell, a pharmacist in Millbrook, is the 76th district state legislative representative.

Ronald W. Todd, Jr., DVM, is a partner in Derks Animal Clinic in Miami, where he lives with his wife, **Sarah Beth Seay** '67. She is an organist and music teacher.

Dale E. Beighle, DVM, practices with the Foreign Mission Board. He lives in Williamstown, Ky., with his wife, **Patricia Puckett** '68.

William J. Caskey is vice president of sales for the Campbell Soup Co. in Camden, NJ.

Linda Lee Powell teaches at Lowndes Academy in Lowndesboro. She and her husband, Howard, live in Hayneville.

Paul James Lioy of Cranford, N.J., is professor of environmental and community medicine at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway, N.J.

Cmdr. **Timothy Gene Stone** works at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

'72 Duncan William Edwards of Las Vegas, Nev., is general superintendent for Coleman Homes in Henderson, Nev.

Charlotte Ellison Kirkland is the assistant principal of Headland High.

Jeffrey Howard Young is a chaplain and teacher at Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham, where he lives with his wife, JoAnne.

James Herbert Motos of Columbus, Ga., is an elementary school principal for the Muscogee County (Ga.) school district.

Lt. Col. **David A. Ellison** is the commander of the 313th Aerial Port Squadron at RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

Robert B. Geddie, Jr., is a partner in Finie, Geddie & Associates in Montgomery, where he lives with his wife, Susan.

Paul Claytor of Arlington Heights, Ill., is managing director of corporate taxes for Continental Bank in Chicago.

Sally Sorrell Kaiser is a systems analyst for American Software in Atlanta. She lives in Marietta, Ga., with her husband, Dennis.

Michael A. McLain is vice president and international and global director for Dow-Brands. He lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Jane, and their three children.

Stephen L. Davis is deputy director of contracting for Warner Robins Air Logistics Center at Robins AFB, Ga.

Mike Hill of Columbiana is the District 41 state legislative representative.

Gary P. Budd is a chemical engineer in Saudi Arabia.

'73 Chris S. Byrnes is president of High Standard in Roswell, Ga., where he and his wife, **Julie Penny**, live. She is a designer for Maier & Berkele Jewelers in Atlanta.

William S. Hackett is a commander in the Navy.

Susan Kohl Drake of Northport owns Kwik Kopy Printing in Tuscaloosa.

Douglas G. Christopher is a general surgeon in Bessemer. He and his wife, Nikki, live in Birmingham.

William O. Jones, Jr., of Lawrenceville, Ga., is regional pharmacy manager for K-mart Corp. in Atlanta.

Frederick C. Ackermann is second vice president at General RE Corp. in Stamford, Conn. He and his wife, Suzanne, live in Bethel, Conn., with their sons, Fred, 13, and Andrew, 7.

Beth Wheeler Langstaff recently moved to Ancaster, Ontario, Canada, with her husband, Witt, and their children, Witt, III, 10, and Emily, 8.

Stephen W. Whitley is president and CEO of Colonial Bank's East Central Bank in Anniston.

Jim Metrock is an associate real estate broker in residential sales for Ray & Co. He

lives in Birmingham with his wife, Linda, and their sons, Bradley, 9, and Evan, 6.

Lt. Col. **Charles S. Shinkle** is the operations officer for a flying squadron at Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

W. Gerry Gilmer is assistant to the president for university relations for Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.

Carl A. Brooks is a partner with Carroll Financial Associates in Charlotte, N.C. He and his wife, Cindy, have a son, David, 3.

Chris Joseph is the mayor of LaGrange, Ga., and a CPA with Gay & Joseph. He and his wife, **Emily Preston** '74, have four children: Charles, 13; Preston, 11; Steven, 9; and Anne, 5.

A. J. Wright of Pelham is clinical librarian for the Department of Anesthesiology at UAB. He recently published a book, *Criminal Activity in the Deep South, 1700-1930, An Annotated Bibliography*.

BORN: A daughter, Stacy Amanda, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Steepe (**Carolyn Hardwick**) of Laguna Niguel, Calif., on Oct. 5, 1989. She joins a sister, Melissa Auburn.

'74 Joseph R. Moon is national sales manager for Firestone Building Products in Carmel, Ind., where he lives with wife Clarisse.

Charlene Smith Reece of Antioch, Tenn., is an early childhood special education consultant with the Tennessee State Department of Education in Nashville.

C. Dan Kohlhaas is vice president of engineering with The Harris Group in Reston, Va. He and his wife, Karen, live in Ashburn, Va.

J. Douglas Springfield of Marietta, Ga., is operations manager for BellSouth Services in Atlanta.

Robert C. Werstlein is director of psychological services at the Woodridge Psychiatric Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn., where he lives with his wife, **Rebecca Nichols**. She teaches special education in Kingsport (Tenn.) City Schools.

Deborah Chambers Pittman of Enterprise teaches in Daleville.

Laurel Garrison Mahlke is vice president of Palm Audio Video, Inc., in Mary Esther, Fla.

Linda Glover Griffin of Wyckoff, N.J., is program manager for IBM.

Bonita Hendry Ellingsen, a computer scientist for Sverdrup Technology, lives in Huntsville with her husband, John.

James W. Lyon is a real estate agent for Gringle, Doherty & Wheat, Inc., in Delray Beach, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Susan.

George Larry Kenney is an industrial engineer and quality control manager for World Carpets in Dalton, Ga., where he lives with his wife, **Becky Sexton** '73. She is a realtor for Century 21 Cook Realty.

Mary Gary Rushing works for Micro-age Computers in Huntsville.

M. Ann Phillippi-Warren, an assistant professor of zoology at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, received the Southern Illinois Audubon Society's Conservationist of the Year Award on Feb. 2. She and her husband, Melvin, live in Carbondale, Ill.

Frank Litchfield, a Montgomery architect and partner with Seay, Seay & Litchfield Architects and Engineers, has completed requirements with the National Council for Interior Design Qualification.

Robin F.A. Fabel, Ph.D., an associate professor of history at Auburn, was recognized as a Mortar Board Favorite Educator last fall.

David L. Stegall is vice president of the Stegall Agency in Birmingham.

BORN: A daughter, Kathryn Rachel, to Mr. and Mrs. **Gil Whitlock** of Germantown, Tenn., on Jan. 19. She joins sister Kimberly, 7, and brother Kyle, 5. Gil is district manager for Ashland Chemical, Inc., in Memphis, Tenn.

A daughter, Miriam Clare, to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert R. Jones, III**, (**Miriam Gordon**) of Brewton on Jan. 25.

A son, Christopher Bradford, to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles T. Reins** of Atlanta on Dec. 16, 1989.

A son, William Richard, to Mr. and Mrs.

Ronald D. Eckhoff of Birmingham on Oct. 29, 1989.

'75 Jeff Laseter is manager of employee benefits for Dixie Yarns, Inc., in Chattanooga, Tenn. He and his wife, **Susan Spivey**, and their three children, Becky, Bryan, and Drew, live on Signal Mountain, Tenn.

David Peter Manley is a sales representative of Knapp Food Sales Co. in Birmingham. He and his wife, **Diedra Tucker** '74, live in Pinson. She teaches English and psychology at Trussville High.

Meredith Nichols Newton, DVM, practices in Fayette, where she lives with her husband, **Robert B. Newton**. He is an insurance salesman for Modern Woodman.

Gerald King is vice president of Doster Construction Co. in Birmingham.

T.M. (Sonny) Jones is a market analyst for Tratech International in Birmingham.

Jerry W. Robinson has been appointed director of risk management and insurance for the Enstar Group, Inc., in Montgomery.

Dieter Rietz of Birmingham is director of project operations for Rust International Corp.'s Aerospace, Government, and Environmental Services Division.

BORN: A daughter, Sarah Hughes, to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bishop (**Deborah Hughes**) of Birmingham on Oct. 4, 1989.

'76 Elizabeth Leigh Caraway is a senior account specialist for Argonaut Insurance Co. in Atlanta. She lives in Marietta, Ga.

Billie Stephenson Rials teaches at Samson High in Samson, where she lives with her husband, Tommy.

Sharon S. Breedlove is a commercial lending representative with Central Bank in Mobile.

Garry Breck Bartmess is a pharmacist at Broadway Prescription Shop, Inc., in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Ronald B. Roberts recently was promoted to vice president of First Alabama Bank's real estate department in Birmingham. He and his wife, **Robbie Carole Black**, have three children.

Russell M. Logan is the band director for Auburn High. His wife, **Elizabeth Noll** '78, teaches art for Opelika City Schools. They live in Auburn.

William Sessions Dickson, Jr., is the vice president of marketing for Maulding and Associates, Inc., in Jackson, Miss.

John Thompson Lanier owns JT Lanier and Associates in West Point, Ga.

Robert G. Wilson, Jr., is second vice president for Associated Builders and Contractors of Alabama, Inc. He works for Hoar Construction in Birmingham.

David Darwin Heeter runs a CPA firm, Heeter and Company, P.C., in Birmingham. He lives in Homewood with his wife, April, and their son, John David, 2.

Ken Burks is a broker in charge of the Hoover Court office for Johnson, Rast & Hays in Birmingham, where he lives with his wife, Debra.

Larry R. Long is the associate director of Athletic Development for Auburn. He and his wife, Sissy, have two children, Patrick, 19, and Kristopher, 15.

BORN: A daughter, Emily Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Casey (**Beth Tucker**) of Birmingham on Feb. 2. She joins Mary Beth, 9, and Wiley, 3. Steve is an attorney with Balch & Bingham.

'77 Rebecca Shield Scrip is a physicist for General Research Corp. in Huntsville. She and her husband, William, live in Madison.

Donna Carpenter Mitchell teaches home economics in Wedowee. She and her husband, Chris, live in Roanoke.

Philip Sharples Kemp, Jr., is a marine advisory specialist with UNC Sea Grant in Atlantic Beach, N.C. He and his wife, Grace, live in Newport, N.C.

John M. Brock works in transportation enforcement for the Public Service Commission in Montgomery. His wife, **Claire**

Brackett Named to Etowah County Hall of Fame

M.L. Brackett '56, who played offensive and defensive tackle for Auburn from 1953 to 1955 and earned All-SEC honors at tackle his senior year, has been inducted as a charter member of the Etowah County Sports Hall of Fame.

After graduating from Auburn, Mr. Brackett played professional football as the number one pick of the Chicago Bears in the 1956 National Football League draft. He played two years with the Bears, from 1956 to 1958, then finished the 1958 season with the New York Giants.

Knee injuries led Mr. Brackett to retire from professional football in 1959, after which he coached football and baseball at Emma Sansom High School.

Barton, is a state welfare supervisor in Tuscaloosa.

Ted Mitchell is a manager for Bombay Co. in Birmingham.

Phillip W. Bagwell is a pilot for North-west Airlines. He and his wife, Jae, live in Boaz.

Richard Wayne Boozer, Jr., is a pharmacist with Humana Shoals Hospital in Muscle Shoals, where he lives with his wife, Doris, and their children, Justin, 5, and Ryan, 2.

Linda Eskind Rebrovick is branch manager for IBM's Systems Integration Division in Nashville.

Don Marzella is an account executive for Patrick Media Group, Inc., in Birmingham.

Lt. Cmdr. **Albert W. Yoder** has graduated from the Naval War College. He lives in Orange Park, Fla.

'78 Charles F. Ledbetter is a consulting forester with Ledbetter and Dean Forestry Consultants in Meridian, Miss., where he lives with his wife, **Susan French** '79, an accountant with Paul Broadhead Interest.

Stephen H. Artman is an attorney with Jon H. Anderson & Associates, P.A., in Lakeland, Fla.

John Terry Boatwright is the vice president of Miller & Miller, Inc., in Huntsville. He lives in Arab.

Eric B. Ludgood is a news producer for WXIA-TV in Atlanta. He and his wife, Marcia, live in Marietta, Ga.

Okwudili (Odi) Nwosu is a deputy managing director for Cutix Limited in Newui, Nigeria.

Maj. **Randall W. Brown** is the chief of operations at Andersen AFB in Guam, where he lives with his wife, Brenda, and their sons, Matthew, 6, and Joshua, 1.

Steven H. Gerson is a senior scientist with Alcon Laboratories in Fort Worth, Tex.

Ronald R. Gilbert is a civil engineer for Perc Engineering Co. in Jasper.

Robert Michael Rowe is the senior vice president of operations for Precision Enterprises in Tampa, Fla. He and his wife, **Leann Morsani**, a free-lance writer, live in Lutz, Fla., with their son, Carson, 2.

Rhonda S. Hill is an administrative assistant for Retired Persons Services in Alexandria, Va.

Tom A. Murphy is an application solution marketing representative for IBM in Birmingham, where he lives with his wife, Kris.

William L. Dennis, Jr., is a salesman for Veterinary Medical Supply. He and his wife, Leona, live in Decatur.

Deborah Sanders Grissom is a social worker supervisor for Alabama's Department of Human Resources in Montgomery. She lives in Luverne.

Jerry V. Nelson is a yarn manufacturing manager for Amoco Fabrics and Fibers Co. in Roanoke. He lives in Wedowee.

Fernando Rodriguez-Bustos works for Acuagranja Ltd. in Bogota, Colombia, South America, where he lives with his wife, Amira.

Lt. Cmdr. **Robin Rathbun** recently returned from deployment to the Pacific Ocean where he participated in Exercise PACEX '89 aboard the guided missile frigate USS Wadsworth.

Sanford Lyle Crossley has received a doctoral degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

Albert M. Thompson recently was elected to the Board of Directors of South-Trust Bank of Baldwin County. He is the president of Thompson's Fine Fashions, Inc. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Bay Minette.

MARRIED: Pamela Alieca Gafford to **Robert William Holmberg** on Oct. 7, 1989. He works for the Alabama Highway Department in Montgomery.

BORN: A daughter, Jenny, to Mr. and Mrs. **Lauren C. Steele (Fran Stromei)** on Dec. 20, 1989. Lauren is the vice president of corporate affairs for Coca-Cola Consolidated in Charlotte, N.C.

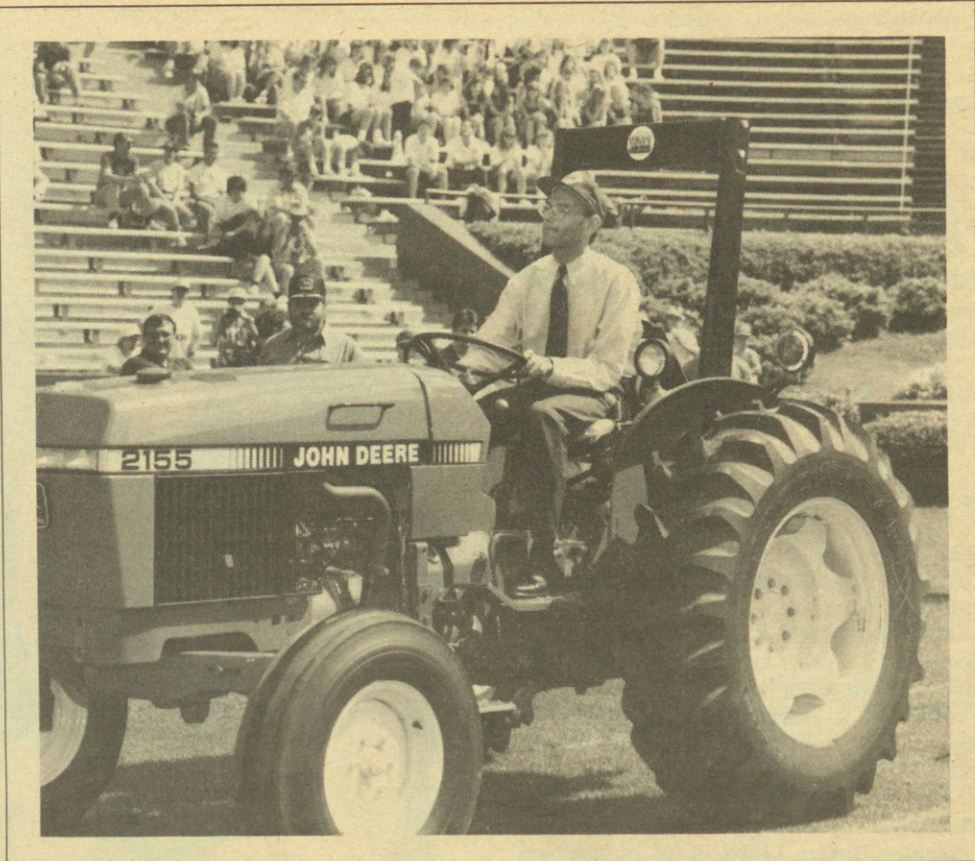
A daughter, Jennifer Blair, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Roberts (**Sharon Gamble**) of Huntsville, on Nov. 28, 1989. Sharon works for Teledyne-Brown Engineering.

'79 David Norwood is a senior engineer for McDonnell Douglas in Huntsville. He lives in Decatur with his wife, Susan.

Richard S. Wright is an engineering superintendent for Huntsville Utilities.

Lisa Parker Napier is a senior disability examiner for The Hartford Insurance Co. in Atlanta. She and her husband, Charles, live in Decatur, Ga.

Sherry Engel Lee teaches for the Baldwin



PAYING UP—Birmingham Post-Herald columnist Paul Finebaum promised listeners to his radio call-in show back in November that he would drive a tractor from Birmingham to Auburn if the Tigers defeated the Tide in football. The Tigers did—and Finebaum paid up on the bet by driving a John Deere into Jordan-Hare Stadium prior to the A-Day game.

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County Board of Education. She and her husband, Marion, live in Foley.

William Lee Jones is a salesman for B&M Water and Sewer Supply in Marietta, Ga. He and his wife, Connie, live in Aworth, Ga.

Robert V. Burdine is a physicist for NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville.

Tommy Aaron Ellett is a farm manager for Ladner Farms in Poplarville, Miss., where he lives with his wife, Cathy.

John H. Collins is a project forester for Alabama Power. He lives in Alexander City.

Karen Davis Underwood is a free-lance writer and producer in Columbus, Ga., where she lives with her husband, Robert.

James Loyd McCarson is an instrument serviceman for Alabama Power in Demopolis.

Cynthia Niles Berry is the director of pharmacy services for Hot Springs (N.C.) Health Care Program. She and her husband, Michael, live in Marshall, N.C.

Frank Kimothy Sellers is the president of Capitol Business Equipment in Destin, Fla.

Jerri Hayes Bullard recently received the Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award at the University of Montevallo. She is an associate professor of sociology. She and her husband, Edwin, have a son, Drew.

Walter Dowdy is a bond manager for Palomar Insurance Corp. in Montgomery.

Cindy Jones is the vice president of public relations for the International Association of Business Communicators in Birmingham.

M. Clinton Freeman, a CPA, is a shareholder in Wilson, Price, Barranco & Billingsley, an accounting firm in Montgomery.

BORN: A son, Lance William, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Walker (**Amy Prather '79**) of Baileyton on April 4, 1989. He joins brother Trent, 3.

A son, Dalton Reid, to Mr. and Mrs. **Buz Walsh (Marsha Wilborn '78)** of Birmingham on May 7, 1989. He joins brother Bret, 4.

A daughter, Kimberly Renee, to Mr. and Mrs. **Mark Burnick (Leslie Weller '80)** of West Chester, Pa., on Sept. 26, 1989. She joins sister Melanie, 4. Leslie teaches band part-time, and Mark is a sales representative for a heating and air conditioning equipment company in Philadelphia, Pa.

A daughter, Hannah, to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Keith Lolley** of Kalamazoo, Mich., in November 1989. She joins brother Elliott, 1. Robert is the manager of employee relations for James River Corporation's

recycled paperboard and folding carton operations.

'80 Charles Wayne Hall is a project manager for Southern Champion Construction in Savannah, Ga. His wife, **Era Brown** '81, teaches for Chatham County Schools.

James L. Hays is a marketing manager for Alabama Power in Montgomery. He lives in Enterprise.

Gloria Walker is a senior project manager for F. Brown and Associates in Dallas. She lives in Garland, Tex.

Judith Segrest Corbin teaches first grade for Washington County Schools. She lives in Chipley, Fla.

Nancy McKee Van Patten is a free-lance writer in Atlanta, where she lives with her husband, Fred. They have a daughter, Lauren, 1.

Jimmy E. Mulvaney is the vice president of Pollution Equipment, Inc., in Birmingham. He lives in Harpersville.

Patricia L. Hannigan is a sales representative for American Studios. She lives in Birmingham.

Charlie T. Brake is a sales representative for Horton Homes in Eatonton, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Ana.

Benny J. Woody, DVM, recently received the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for excellence in teaching at Mississippi State University, where he is an associate professor.

Wendell Wyatt Ray has received a doctoral degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

William C. Bryan has been promoted to product line manager for National Microsystems, Inc., in Montgomery.

Craig Jones is the vice president in charge of Birmingham's division of Chambless and Associates Architects.

Willie Huntley recently was nominated prosecutor of the year by the Southeastern Chapter of the International Association of Credit Card Investigators. He is the assistant U.S. attorney in Mobile.

Samuel Patrick Baggette, II, who recently graduated from the University of Missouri at Kansas City law school, is an attorney in Independence, Mo., where he lives with his wife, Kim.

Pamela Sissi Carroll is an assistant professor in the education department at Georgetown College. She lives in Lexington, Ky.



GILMER AWARD—Sabert Oglesby, Jr., '43, left, president emeritus of the Birmingham-based Southern Research Institute, recently was honored with the Ben S. Gilmer Award for Engineering Excellence. Presenting the award was Howard E. Palmes '60, chairman of the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council and vice president of network provisioning at South Central Bell.

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BORN: A daughter, Megan Leigh, to Mr. and Mrs. **James R. Hill (Tanya Adams '87)** of Pansey on April 17, 1989. She joins brothers James Andrew, 7, and George Adam, 4. James is a farmer and Tanya teaches kindergarten at Ashford Elementary.

'81 John M. Britton is an attorney with Ferrell and Britton in Phenix City. His wife, **Carol Schrecengost '82**, teaches at Smiths Station High. They live in Smiths.

J. Wesley Gibbs is a senior process engineer for Amoco Performance Products, Inc., in Greenville, S.C. He lives in Simpsonville, S.C.

Capt. **Patricia B. Gurczak** is an internist at the U.S. Army hospital in Seoul, Korea.

Pamela L. Hughes is an internal medicine physician at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, where she lives with her husband, Theodore.

Melissa A. Pitts is a credit review officer for First Union National Bank in Atlanta. She lives in Stone Mountain, Ga.

Michael S. Harper is an attorney with Steven F. Schmitt, P.C., in Tallassee, where he lives with his wife, **Ann L. Bojarski '82**, a planner for Central Alabama Regional Planning and Development in Montgomery.

Peggy Bolan Little is an elementary school media specialist in Tallassee, where she lives with her husband, Ben.

David Lawrence Manz is an attorney with Friyola, Penart, Wright, Derl and Hendrickson in Marathon, Fla.

Anne Chappell is the assistant foods editor for the Oxmoor House books division of Southern Progress Corp. in Birmingham.

Dominic Anthony Fucci teaches and coaches basketball in Owenton, Ky. He and his wife, Kimberly, live in Lexington, Ky.

Dan Moore Duncan, Jr., is the vice president of marketing for Peachtree Fabrics. His wife, **Ann Sigafos '79**, is the vice president of human resources for First Family Financial Services. They live in Roswell, Ga.

Ann Pickard McDade is a nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, where she lives with her husband, Jim.

Travis Walter Cork is a passenger representative for KLM Airlines in Atlanta. He lives in Decatur, Ga.

Nancy Jill Thrower Whaley is a social worker for the Randolph County Department of Human Resources in Wedowee. She and her husband, Felix, live in Roanoke.

Lisa Paramore Pickelsimer is a pharmacist with K-Mart Corp. in Neptune Beach, Fla. She and her husband, Jim, live in Jacksonville, Fla., with their children, Megan, 4, and Caitlin, 2.

Ralch C. Bishop, Jr., is a partner in the law firm of Rives & Peterson in Birmingham.

Patricia Galik is a veterinary research technician at Auburn. She and her husband, Joseph, live in Opelika.

Ray Briscuso is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives in Maryland. He has served as the associate director of the White House Office of National Service.

John P. Laumeyer is a supervisor with Travelers/EB, an IBM reseller in Orlando, Fla.

BORN: A son, William Drummond, V, to Mr. and Mrs. **W.D. Welburn, IV**, of Chap-paqu, N.Y., on Dec. 21, 1989. Dru is the president of IV Most Consulting.

A daughter, Erin Laurie, to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles McCombs (Laurie Baggett '82)** of Hueytown on April 16, 1989.

A daughter, Macie Leanne, to Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. West (**Julia White '81**) of Huntsville on Aug. 3, 1989. She joins Rachael, 7, and Kristopher, 5.

A daughter, Jennifer Katherine, to Mr. and Mrs. **James D. Perkins (Palmer Durr)** on June 7, 1989. She joins sister Sarah. James is Southeast regional manager for Image-USA in Smyrna, Ga.

'82 Gale Alvin Slagley is president of American Leisure Designs, Inc., in Greenville, where his wife, **Phyllis Jerkins '80**, teaches sixth grade. They have two children, Brandon, 8, and Christopher, 2.



OUTSTANDING HUMAN SCIENCES ALUM—Auburn First Lady Ann Freeman Martin '57 was recently honored as the School of Human Sciences' Outstanding Alumnus of the Year for her many contributions to Auburn and to the school. Presenting her with a plaque honoring her selection was Human Sciences Dean June Henton.

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Gregory Paul Shelnutt is a textile management and spinning superintendent for Amoco Fabrics and Fibers Co. in Roanoke.

Charles H. McPherson, Jr., is a commercial construction project manager for Harbert International in Birmingham.

Patricia L. Hudson is a sales representative with APCO Graphics in Atlanta.

Connie R. Edwards is a process engineer for Monsanto Co. in Anniston.

Mary Ann Mercer Smith works for Hewlett-Packard in Folsom, Calif., where she lives with her husband, Charles.

Porter Edward Chandler is a real estate investor in Tallahassee, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Peggy.

Chester McClure (Bubba) Baker, Jr., has been appointed to Central Bank's Young Executive Board in Mobile. He is the vice president of Baker Properties.

Capt. **David K. Perdue** is a company commander for the Marine Corps in Okinawa, Japan.

Jim Vinson is a reliability engineering supervisor for Harris Semiconductor in Melbourne, Fla.

Henry H. Armstrong is the assistant manager for Auburn's Federal Credit Union.

S. Christine Pirkle is an investment analyst for Green Park Financial in Washington, D.C.

Rebecca Williams Vines is a legal assistant for Gardner, Middlebrooks and Fleming in Mobile. She and her husband, Mark, live in Spanish Fort.

William A. Laidig is a systems engineer for SAIC in Huntsville, where he lives with his wife, **Sharel Love '85**, vice president of planning, development, and marketing for Regional Medical Center in Anniston.

Capt. **Robert L. Fant** is a construction project manager for the Air Force in Saudi Arabia, where he lives with his wife, Eileen.

Brenda Houston Benda is a sales representative for Caribbean Computer Exports in Jensen Beach, Fla.

William Brice Wager is a sales manager for Florida Steel in Garner, N.C. He and his wife, **Linda White**, live in Cary, N.C.

Joe Cribbs is a sales associate with ERA-Birmingham Guaranty Realty. The Auburn football star played for the Buffalo Bills, New

Jersey Generals, Miami Dolphins, and Birmingham Stallions and lives in Sulligent.

Mike Reeves and his wife, **Lynn Howell '83**, are co-owners of Reeves Peach Farm in Hartselle. They recently were named the Young Farm Family of the Year by the Hartselle Chamber of Commerce.

Gregory W. Spivey is a senior auditor for First City, Texas, in Houston, Tex.

Nat Bryan is a partner in the law firm of Rives & Peterson in Birmingham.

Robert Sullivan is a specialty manager with Mead Johnson Labs in Birmingham, where he lives with his wife, **Vicky Douglass '80**, and their son, Patrick, 1.

MARRIED: Cynthia Ann Valentine to **Jerry Wayne Miller, Jr.**, on Nov. 18, 1989. They live in Atlanta.

BORN: A son, Cale Wilson, to Mr. and Mrs. **Max W. Runge (Kenna Copeland)** of Americus, Ga., on Dec. 15, 1989. Cale joins sister Codi Susanne, 2.

A son, Ryan Patrick, to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Childress (**Angela McClinton**) of Montgomery on Feb. 19. He joins sister Brittany, 3.

A daughter, Rebecca Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Conner, III, (**Pamela Albright**) of Arlington, Ga., on July 16, 1989.

A son, Trey Murray, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Clarke (**Kim Murray**) of Tampa, Fla., on Jan. 21. Kim works for Price Waterhouse.

A son, Jacob Andrew, to Mr. and Mrs. **Jonathan Andrew Gannon** of The Colony, Tex., on Nov. 16, 1989. Jonathan is vice president of EDSO Fasteners, Inc.

'83 Cathryn Snow Knox works for Delta Airlines. She lives in Atlanta with her husband, Alan.

Matthew B. McGee is enrolled in the international management master's program at Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management, in Glendale, Ariz.

Blaine C. Stevens is a lawyer with the Alabama Supreme Court. He lives in Montgomery with his wife, **Mila Owens '83**, who teaches in the city schools.

Benjamin E. Harrison is a process supervisor with Sterling Plumbing Group, Inc., in Huntsville. He lives in Athens.

Wayman O. Creel, Jr., is a trainee at The Home Depot in Lawrenceville, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Jennifer.

Carl Hooper is a controller with Budget Rent A Car in Mobile, where he lives with his wife, Mary.

James H. Stewart is a sales manager with Savin Corp. His wife, **Kimberly Livingston '87**, is a service manager with Classic Temporaries in Greenville, S.C.

Jill Henry Struthers is an office system associate with Blount, Inc., in Montgomery, where she lives with her husband, **Craig R. Struthers '82**, a parks superintendent.

Sharon Smith is the director of outreach for Mt. Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, where she lives with her husband, Robert.

Kelley Brasfield Kirk is the director of marketing and physician services at Santa Fe Health Care in Gainesville, Fla.

James K. Nelson attends the Medical College of Georgia. He lives in Appling, Ga.

David C. Schroeder is the general manager of Chili's Grill and Bar in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Capt. **Robert G. Pate** is a pilot with the Air Force. He lives in Columbus, Miss.

Richard L. Gottstine is an estimator with G.M.G. Contractors, Inc., in Mobile, where he lives with his wife, Daria.

Julie A. Greggs works in purchasing for Brown & Root U.S.A., Inc., in Mobile.

John V. Haggard is the log manager for Rayonier Hardwoods in Richmond, Va., where he lives with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children, Jonathan and Jenna.

Crum Foshee of Andalusia is a state senator.

Mary Ann Taylor-Sims has been promoted to veterans affairs coordinator at Auburn.

Chris Schoen has been named development director for One Peachtree Center, a 60-story tower in downtown Atlanta. He and his wife, Scottie, have a son, Mac, 3.

Joseph W. Strickland is an associate of the law firm of King and King in Birmingham.

James E. Franklin has been promoted to product engineer at National Microsystems, Inc., in Montgomery.

Fred Denson Clark, Jr., works for Senator Richard Shelby in Birmingham.

Kenneth K. Livesay has been promoted to assistant vice president of finance for HealthSouth Rehabilitation Corp. in Birmingham.

Jeff T. Christopher is the director of retail marketing for Capital Initiatives Corp. in Louisville, Ky., where he lives with his wife, **Nancy Burleson '84**, a systems engineer with GECON.

Robert M. Seaborn has been promoted to vice president for Southeast's banking department in Birmingham. His wife, **Letia Owens**, works for *Birmingham Business Magazine*.

MARRIED: Janet L. Brown to **Robert H. Sweat** on Jan. 13. He is an administrator for Care for Women in Kingwood, Tex.

Gretchen A. Guy to **Robert H.G. Waudby, Jr.**, on Feb. 10. They live in Birmingham.

Alesia M. Taunton to Tillman Dooley, Jr., on Nov. 18, 1989. She is an auditor for the State of Alabama in Montgomery.

Susan L. Engel to David Jon Lofthus on June 10, 1989. She is a personal computer coordinator with Sather's, Inc. They live in Lakefield, Minn.

BORN: A daughter, Meredith, to Mr. and Mrs. **Frederick Huntley (Daphne White)** of Clearfield, Pa., on Sept. 19, 1989. She joins Allison, 4.

A son, Nathaniel Harrison, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Reeve (**Pamela L. Boyd**) of Atlanta on Oct. 26, 1989. Pamela is an assistant manager pharmacist with Big B Drugs.

'84 Forrest K. Covington is an attorney with Bradley, Arant, Rose & White in Birmingham.

Sherry Tipton Conquest is a claim specialist with State Farm in Guntersville, where she lives with her husband, Robert.

Perry William Gard is an engineer with Fluor Daniel, Inc., in Greenville, S.C. He lives in Greer, S.C., with his wife, Sara Jane.

Allen R. Stoner is a lawyer with the district attorney's office in Montgomery.

Marvin E. Brown, Jr., is an environmental manager with M&M Chemical Co. in Opelika.

Sharon Caton Wright is an estimator with Hoar Construction in Birmingham, where she lives with her husband, John.

Ellen C. Roberson is training manager for BellSouth Mobility in Atlanta.

Oscar Hilt Tatum, III, DMD, practices in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he lives with his wife, **Scarlett Stutts** '79.

Sarah (Sally) Shinault is a CPA and manager with Deloitte & Touche in Atlanta. She lives in Dunwoody, Ga.

Tracy Carleton Phillpott is a chemist with Michelin Americas R&D Corp. in Greenville, S.C. She lives in Simpsonville, S.C.

Patricia M. Carney teaches with the Peace Corps in Ecuador.

Gabriel E. Restrepo is a sales engineer with American Cast Iron Pipe Co. in Orlando, Fla. He lives in Apopka, Fla.

Wah Yow Cheong is an engineering consultant with Dames & Moore in San Francisco.

Jeff H. Burroughs is a sales manager with Union Camp Corp. in Decatur.

Sheryl D. Phillips is a consultant with HGL Associates, Inc., in Washington, D.C. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Cindy L. Simmons is a customer support representative with IBM in Rockville, Md. She lives in Baltimore.

Barry W. Andrews is an engineering manager with Indal Aluminum Gulfport in Biloxi, Miss.

John R. Coffman, III, is a senior hardware engineer with AT&T Paradyne Corp. in Largo, Fla., where he lives with his wife, **Dee Ann Cavaleri**, an office manager with Novelli Industries.

Suzanne L. Miller is a marketing coordinator with John B. Webb and Associates, Inc., in Orlando, Fla.

Lynne M. Wolff is an account assistant with Gillis-Townsend Advertising in Birmingham.

Michael C. Brown is a designer and architect for Charlan/Brock & Associates in Orlando, Fla.

Patrick T. Fitzgerald and his wife, **Allene Boyd** '85, are pharmacists with Big B Drugs. They live in Columbus, Ga., with their son, Casey.

Tina Perry Beersdorf has been promoted to promotion manager in circulation at Southern Progress Corp. in Birmingham.

Denise McGill works in public relations for Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham. She was presented with the 1989 Public Relations Award by the Alabama State Nurses Association for her contributions to the hospital's nursing staff. Recently, her hospital publications, *Scribbles* and *Offspring*, won an award of excellence and a merit award, respectively, in the 1989 Public Relations Council of Alabama's Medallion Awards competition. She is also vice pres-

ident of professional development for the Birmingham chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

Jesse E. Croley, Jr., is a project manager and estimator with All-South Subcontractors, Inc., in Alton. He lives in Alabaster.

Michael Bell, a chemical engineer for Monsanto's Chocolate Bayou plant in Alvin, Tex., recently appeared in a company-sponsored videotape designed to help underprivileged high school students achieve successful careers.

Alyce Heggeman Head has joined *Southern Living* in Birmingham as promotion art director.

Richard Albee, art coordinator for Auburn's University Relations Office, recently earned two awards for his design of this past year's Auburn viewbook. He received a Gold Addy Award and a special merit award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

MARRIED: Judith Ann Larkin to **Mark D. Erb** on Aug. 5, 1989. He is a high school teacher and coach in Gwinnett County, Ga.

Terri Lynn Burnette to **John W. Connell** '73, on Mar. 4, 1989. They live in Clanton.

Mary A. Banks to **Lynn W. Griffin** on Dec. 30, 1989. They live in Daphne.

BORN: A daughter, Abigail (Abby) Grace, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom McLain (**Cathy Johnson**) of Atlanta on Dec. 5, 1989. She joins Catherine, 2.

A daughter, Kristi Nicole, to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McCorvey (**Timi Lasewicz**) of Huntsville on Nov. 10, 1988.

A daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Garcia, Jr.**, of Lynn Haven, Fla., on Apr. 14, 1989. Robert is vice president of Gulf American SBL, Inc., in Panama City, Fla.

A son, Stephen Middlebrooks, to Mr. and Mrs. **Steve M. Boswell, Jr.**, (**Debbie Byrd**) of Alabaster on Sept. 27, 1989. Steve is a superintendent with U.S. Pipe and Foundry Co. in Bessemer and Debbie is a speech and language pathologist with the Shelby County Board of Education.

A son, Christopher Franklin, to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles P. Hutchison**, DVM, on Jan. 14.

'85 Roger B. Fuller is vice president of Fuller Building Supply in Selma, where he lives with his wife, Gina.

John Cliff Owens is a resource specialist with Owens-Corning Fiberglass in Atlanta. He lives in Marietta, Ga., with his wife, Dawn.

Randall C. Chase is a construction project manager with Nashville Machine Co.

Sheila Matthews Fortier is a dental assistant in Smyrna, Ga., where she lives with her husband, Ed.

Melissa L. Rice is a vocational evaluator with Northwest Alabama Rehabilitation Center in Muscle Shoals.

J. Bryan Jones and his wife, **Allison Lanier** '84, work for ASD, Inc., in Atlanta

as an architect and an interior designer, respectively.

Jennifer Godwin Griffis teaches at Orange City (Fla.) Elementary. She lives in Deland, Fla., with her husband, David.

Joanna L. Colvin is a quality assurance representative for Kentucky Fried Chicken in Columbus, Ga.

Ruth B. Crittenden is a project manager with R.J. Griffin & Co. in Atlanta.

Kenneth R. Colley is an account manager with Milliken & Co. in Chicago.

Phillip W. Edwards is a consulting mechanical engineer with Apex Engineering, Inc., in Montgomery.

Guy F. Kelly is vice president of sales with Zellner Transfer Co. in Atlanta.



HOMEcoming—The May meeting of the Alumni Association board brought many former board members to campus for a dinner in their honor. Among those returning for the festivities were, left to right, Patricia Nunn Barkuloo '56, Joe B. Crane '43, and Ann Crane.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

Lawrence Whatley, Jr., is an assistant project manager with Robins Corp. in Birmingham, where he lives with his wife, **Ywonna Houser**, an accounting technician with Anderson Electric.

Earl B. Parsons, III, is an attorney in Atlanta with Troutman, Sanders, Lockerman & Ashmore. He lives in Marietta, Ga., with his wife, **Melinda Kent**, director of marketing with ATEC Associates.

Chris J. Sawyer has been promoted to accounting officer with First Alabama Bank in Birmingham.

Jeffrey Paul Blackwood recently joined McCauley Associates, Inc., Hand-Freeman Architects, as a professional associate. He is a registered architect in Birmingham.

Paul A. Gohman recently received his master's degree in physics from Wright State University.

Capt. **Keith W. Pierce** is serving with the Marine Support Battalion at Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea.

Phillip Kennedy was recently awarded his architectural license after completing the Architectural Registration Exam. He works for Architects South, Inc., in Birmingham.

Keith G. McCurdy is assistant vice president with First South Production Credit Association in Robertsdale. He lives in Summerdale.

Dwayne R. Timothy recently completed the Architectural Registration Exam. He is a project manager with P. Lauren Barrett Architects, Inc., in Birmingham.

Allen B. McLeMore is a farmer in Springville.

Roxanne Wilson Nix is a project manager in the corporate services division of Gresham, Smith & Partners in Birmingham. She recently completed the certification exam of the National Council for Interior Design Qualification.

MARRIED: Angela K. Pugh to **Brent M. Craig** on Feb. 3. They live in Decatur, where he is an attorney.

Tamara A. Renie to Glen R. Grizzle on Apr. 1, 1989. She is a paraprofessional with Columbia County (Ga.) Schools. They live in Evans, Ga.

Cathy D. Wright to **Stuart C. Haden** '87 on Mar. 10. She is an attorney in Dallas, and he is an electrical engineer with Texas Instruments.

Johnna J. Pitts to Tim C. Scott on Nov. 25, 1989. She works for Jim Wilson and Associates in Montgomery.

Margaret H. Davis to **Jeffrey C. Rickard** on Jan. 6. They live in Hoover.

Karen S. Guthrie to **Douglas W. Barton** on Feb. 10. They live in Birmingham.

Donna L. Hartley to **Miles M. Cunningham** on Aug. 26, 1989. They live in Birmingham.

BORN: A son, Brian Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Allen Mabry, Jr.**, of Decatur, Ga., on June 20, 1989.

'86 Ginger D. Dunn teaches at the Eufaula Adolescent Center. She lives in Clayton.

George M. Smith coaches basketball at Providence Day School in Charlotte, N.C.

Kyle E. Anderson is a financial systems analyst with Nanston, Inc., in Atlanta. He lives in Stone Mountain, Ga., with his wife, **Nancy Johnston** '88, a coordinator with Advantage Orthodontics.

Danyal R. Gork is an accountant with Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga.

Robert S. Webster is an aerospace engineer with NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. He lives in Madison.

Michael T. Bedford is an operations manager with Marchant Industries in Atlanta, where he lives with his wife, **Wendy Graff**, a program coordinator with World Trade Club.

Johnny R. Pullen teaches agricultural education at Boaz High.

M. Craig Limbaugh is an account manager for Design Automation in Houston.

Brian D. Gross is an electronics engineer at the Naval Training Systems Center in Pensacola, Fla.

Max W. Owens is an advertising manager and account executive with Donovan Enterprises, Inc., in Stuart, Fla.

Janice L. Byard teaches at Cahaba Heights Community School in Birmingham.

Jim S. LaBatt is a traffic systems engineer with Transyt Corp. in Tallahassee, Fla., where he lives with his wife, **Mary E. Miller**, a civil engineer with Florida PSC.

Herman C. Reid is a battalion logistics officer with the Army.

Kim A. Cole is a Spanish and English instructor at the University of Southern Mississippi. She lives in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Susan Watts Dunlap is an interior designer with MSTSD Architects, Inc., in Atlanta. She lives in Marietta, Ga., with her husband, Paul.

Paul H. Burkholder, III, is an insurance agent and CPA with Pickett, Adams, Burkholder Insurance in Mobile, where he lives with his wife, **Patti Denney**, an engineer with Automation Technology.

Richard D. Evans is an agent with The Prudential in Ft. Pierce, Fla. He lives in Stuart, Fla.

Robbie L. Cook works for Young Life, a ministry for high school students, in Atlanta.

Sidney A. Carter is an officer with First National Bank of Atlanta.

1/Lt. **Rufus C. Johnson, III**, is an Army infantry platoon leader stationed at Ft. Polk, La. He received a combat infantryman's badge for his actions in Panama.

Michael S. Moras is a guidance counselor and football coach at De LaSalle High in New Orleans, where he lives with his wife, Barbara.

Daniel K. Fagan is an account executive with Dyatron Corp. in Birmingham. He lives in Trussville with his wife, Lisa.

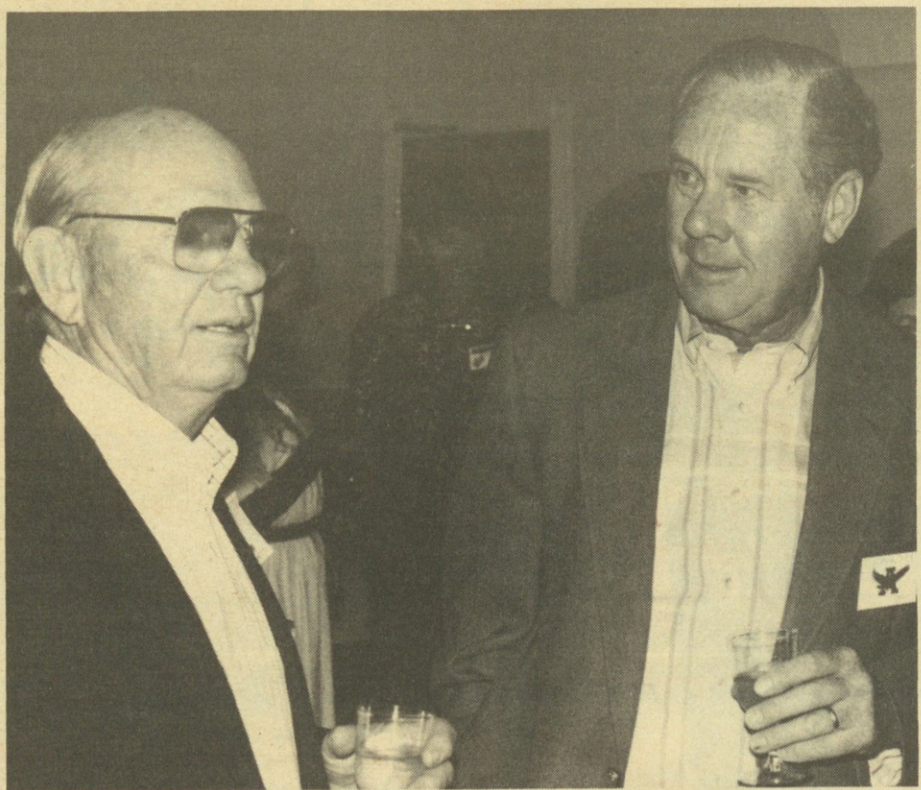
Charles B. Long is vice president of Brick

Yielding Pilots Air Force's Blackbird on Last Flight

Lt. Col. Raymond (Ed) Yielding '73 made aviation history in March by crossing the U.S. from coast to coast in record-setting time as the pilot during the last flight of the Air Force's most famous reconnaissance aircraft, the SR-71 Blackbird.

Lt. Col. Yielding and his navigator flew the Blackbird from California to Washington, D.C., in a record 68 minutes, 17 seconds. The aircraft's speed during the flight averaged more than 2,110 mph. The Blackbird is being retired by the Air Force in favor of satellites which can do similar reconnaissance work at lower cost.

Lt. Col. Yielding is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours. His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Commendation Medal with two clusters, and the Combat Readiness Medal with three clusters.



BOARD REUNION—Former Alumni Association board members Albert Thompson '42, left, and John Hughes '50 got a chance to rehash old times during a dinner held at the Auburn Alumni Center recently for former and current members of the board.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

Wall, Inc., in Guntersville. He lives in Albertville.

Kim Stewart Cofield is a designer and illustrator for NASA in Huntsville, where she lives with her husband, **Brian L. Cofield** '87, a program analyst with Teledyne Brown.

Richard A. Stephens is a loan interviewer at Central Bank in Montgomery.

Donna K. Dorrough teaches science at Columbus (Ga.) High.

John D. Ward is a credit supervisor with GMAC in Asheville, N.C.

Jan Ziglar Eunice teaches kindergarten in Nahunta, Ga., and is the GED instructor for Brantley Co. She is also pursuing an education specialist's degree at Troy State at Dothan. She lives in Folkston, Ga.

Valerie McLean recently joined Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham as manager of community relations.

Don W. Murphy has been promoted to supervisor of the audit division of Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino P.C. He lives in Birmingham with his wife, **Sandra Gibbs** '87, who works for Martin Advertising.

Susan B. Jessup has been promoted to branch officer of the Homewood office of SouthTrust Bank.

Brian Garrett is a media planner with Gillis-Townsend Advertising and Public Relations, Inc., in Birmingham.

Donald C. Simpson of Birmingham has completed requirements to practice architecture in Alabama. He was recently promoted to associate with Kidd Plosser Sprague Architects, Inc.

Ricky Hester works for Alabama Power. He lives in Leeds with his wife, Lisa.

John B. Justice is a senior systems engineer at Intergraph Corp. in Madison. He is also the drummer for the rock band "Zoo." He lives in Decatur.

Thomas L. Oliver, II, is an associate with the law firm of Rives & Peterson in Birmingham.

Robert B. Stewart recently passed the Architect Registration Examination. He works for Turner & Batson Architects P.C. in Birmingham.

Mark Chambers has been promoted to vice president at SouthTrust Bank. He lives in Montgomery.

Jeffrey A. Barton has completed requirements to practice as an architect in Alabama. He is an associate with Kidd Plosser Sprague Architects, Inc., in Birmingham.

Russell Johnson has a public relations company, Russell Johnson and Associates, in Charlotte, N.C. His company recently handled a Whitney Houston concert in Charlotte.

Chester H. Hannah is an assistant project

manager with McDevitt & Street Co. in Nashville. He lives in Pegram, Tenn.

Sarah Roach Thomason is a staff accountant with Ernst & Young in Atlanta. She lives in Norcross, Ga., with her husband, **Robert Jay Thomason, Jr.**

Cynthia Pope Bailey works for Delta Airlines. She lives in Jacksonville, Fla., with her husband and their daughter, Elizabeth.

Syble McClellan coordinates clinical services at the Medical Center in Columbus, Ga.

MARRIED: **Donna Armstrong** to David Hampton on Jan. 20. They live in Birmingham.

Mary M. Dye to **Stanton H. McDonald** '83 on Mar. 17. He is assistant chief of staff to Governor Guy Hunt. They live in Montgomery.

Carol F. Corvin to **Robert B. Sansom** on Sept. 16, 1989. He is a dentist in Montgomery.

Mary J. Harris to **John D. Henderson** on June 24, 1989. They live in Birmingham.

BORN: A daughter, Catherine Elizabeth (Cathie Beth), to Mr. and Mrs. **Ben N. Bishop** of Kennesaw, Ga., on Jan. 19.

'87 Dan Shell is the western bureau editor for Hatton-Brown Publishers in Salem, Ore., where he lives with his wife, **Mary Mason** '86, a historic preservation consultant for the state of Oregon.

William T. Howle, III, is a computer engineer with NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, where he lives with his wife, Janet, and their son, Will, 1.

Mike G. Morgan is a production adviser with Herff-Jones Yearbooks. He lives in Montgomery with his wife, Kellie.

Jeffrey L. Bowden is a CIC officer aboard the USS Obannon. He lives in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., with his wife, Kimberly.

Robert Lancaster, Jr., is a CPA with Mauldin & Jenkins in Albany, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Laura.

Pamela K. Stuckey is a program manager and lead counselor with COPE, the Chautauqua Offices of Psychotherapy and Evaluation, in DeFuniak Springs, Fla. She lives in New Brockton.

Mark A. Fleri is a chemical engineer and project manager with Harmon Environmental Services in Auburn.

Floyd L. Moore, III, is a product line manager with American Technologies in Montgomery.

J. Michael Williams is a project manager with NWF Contractors, Inc., in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. He lives in Crestview, Fla.

Charles E. Wright is a civil engineer with Alabama's highway department. He lives in Prattville with his wife, **Amanda Hayes**, a nurse at the Autauga Medical Center.

J. Brent Hicks is a structural design engineer with Building Technologies Corp. in Norcross, Ga.

Joseph B. Craven, Jr., is a research assistant at Auburn. His wife, **Kay Walker** '88, is a dietitian at Capitol Hill Healthcare Center in Montgomery. They live in Auburn.

Lewis T. Ramsey is an account executive with Makes Cents, Inc., in Atlanta. He lives in Doraville, Ga.

Kirsten A. Norlander is a sales representative for Thomas J. Lipton in Cordova, Tenn. She lives in Memphis.

Dale E. Applegate is an operations supervisor with Birmingham Airport Authority.

Lynn Johnston Fargason is a customer representative with General Electric in Birmingham, where she lives with her husband, **Richard Craig Fargason** '88, a sales representative with Dun & Broadstreet.

James Trice is the director of government services at the Middle Georgia Regional Development Center in Macon, Ga., where he lives with his wife, Louise.

Jennifer E. Scarbrough is a public relations representative with Florida Golf Management in Orlando, Fla. She lives in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Kevin B. White is a senior technical supervisor with Motorola, Inc., in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Bob Daughtry teaches and coaches at Northside Junior High in Warner Robins, Ga., where he lives with his wife, **Susan Carreker** '86, a speech pathologist at Shirley Hills Elementary.

Tammy Williamson McCullough teaches math at Fairfield High. She lives in Birmingham.

Mark H. Dryden is a funeral director with Dryden Funeral Home in Heflin, where he lives with his wife, Claire.

Doug Mathis is a state court service officer in Emporia, Kan.

Jeffrey T. Taylor is an engineer with Thiokol Corp. in Huntsville.

David A. Weekes is a special agent with the Air Force. He is stationed in the United Kingdom.

Mitch O. Camp is a personnel manager with The Bibb Co. in Fort Valley, Ga.

Christopher L. Champlain is a con-

troller with Golf Car Systems in Clearwater, Fla. He lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Jouette Gonzalez Arbona is a data entry specialist with Wildlife International in Auburn, where she lives with her husband, **Juan R. Arbona**, a research assistant at Auburn.

Robert M. Watson is an officer in the Navy. His wife, **Kathy Kamburis**, is a representative for Phillips Junior College in North Charleston, S.C. They live in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Lt(jg). **Steven D. Hope** recently reported for duty with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron-129 at Whidbey Island NAS in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Joseph H. Graham, III, is a contract manager with Drennen Forestry Service in Hayden. He lives in Montgomery.

Lt(jg). **Deborah B. Smith** recently reported for duty with Helicopter Combat Support Squadron-11 at North Island NAS in San Diego.

John M. Giddens, Jr., is a senior engineer with Southern Company Services. He lives in Pelham.

Melissa Wenner Burton is a student at the Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Ens. **Robert J. David** recently completed Aviation Officer Candidate School at Pensacola NAS, Fla.

Timothy M. Harvey is an administrator with Mastin's, Inc., in Boaz.

J. Scott Woodson is a staff auditor with the Georgia Department of Audits. He lives in Smyrna, Ga.

Patricia Phillips Kniphfer is a sales representative with AC3 Computer Co. in Huntsville, where she lives with her husband, Mark.

Tracy L. Cooke is an account executive with Ed Cooke Insurance Agency in Birmingham.

Matthew R. Brumwell is a division officer with the Navy. He lives in Goosecreek, S.C., with his wife, **Anna M. Chin**.

George D. Lomax teaches elementary school in Phenix City.

Michael T. Ford is a loan interviewer with Central Bank in Birmingham.

MARRIED: **Elizabeth Pruet** '88 to **Richard F. May** on July 22, 1989. They live in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he is an engineer with E-Systems and she is an accountant with Coopers & Lybrand.

Kelley Smith to **Jason (Jay) Evers** '88 on March 10.



TELLING BAMA JOKES?—George '55 and Kathleen Searcy Petznick '60 were among several hundred football scholarship donors and participants in the athletic department's car-loan program who enjoyed themselves recently at the scholarship donors' weekend, hosted by the athletic department and the Office of Alumni and Development.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

Amy Matuszak to **Jamy Wheless** on May 20, 1989. They live in Atlanta, where she works at John Harland Co. as a designer and he is an illustrator at Designs by Harrill.

Cathy Jo Kelly to Michael P. Power on July 1, 1989. They live in Marietta, Ga.

Terrie L. Bellairs to Frank E. Rhodes, IV, on Nov. 25, 1989. They live in Raleigh, N.C.

Susan E. Sims to Bradford S. Hill on Sept. 1, 1989. They live in Auburn.

Lisa C. Knight to Chris E. Robinson on March 3. She is a pharmacist in Birmingham.

BORN: A daughter, Lindsey Allison, to Mr. and Mrs. **Scott Hofacker** of Athens on Jan. 18. Scott is a robotics engineer with United Technologies in Huntsville.

'88 Melanie Dickey of Duluth, Ga., is a manufacturing development engineer for Torrington in Norcross, Ga.

Kimberly Boothe Collette is a software analyst for Intergraph in Huntsville, where she and her husband, Joseph, live.

Larry E. Trammell of Apopka, Fla., is a lease marketing officer for SunBank.

Steven D. Green of Gulf Breeze, Fla., is assistant credit manager of Barnett Bank in Pensacola, Fla.

Caroline Virginia Ray is executive assistant to Congressman Richard Ray in Washington, D.C.

Gregory Clyde Martin teaches vocational agriculture in Attalla.

Michael A. Underwood is a financial analyst for EDS in Plano, Texas.

Todd H. O'Malley is an engineering sales associate with Dynex, Inc., in Marietta, Ga. He lives in Atlanta.

Donald Keith Owens of Birmingham is a supervisor for AmSouth Bancorp.

Vanessa Usher is an administrative resident for Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk, Va.

Anna Aleah Hudson is assistant manager at K-Mart in Douglasville, Ga.

Miguel Arias is contract manager of Five Star Homes in Port St. Lucie, Fla., where he and his wife, Miriam, live.

James Davidson is a pilot with Atlantic Southeast Airline in Atlanta. He and his wife, Sandra, live in LaGrange, Ga.

Claire A. Wiley of Orlando, Fla., is an interior designer intern with Forum Architecture in Maitland, Fla.

Paul Allen Kendrick is an architect intern with Forum Architecture in Maitland, Fla.

Byron A. Sample, III, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., is an engineer for Florida Power and Light Co. in Miami.

Julie Lowe Irwin is a manager at AmSouth Bank in Birmingham. Her husband, **John D. Irwin** '87, is an account executive for South Central Bell. They live in Jackson.

Lynn T. Hagood, DVM, practices at Tennessee Valley Animal Clinic. He lives in Tusculum with his wife, **Hallie Hardy** '90, an artist.

Donna Rose Leverette of Montgomery works in sales at Southern Sash Communications.

Scott L. McDaniel is a senior administrator for The American University in Washington, D.C.

2/Lt. **John Taylor Selden, II**, is a command and control simulation development engineer at Griffiss AFB in Rome, N.Y.

Jeff T. Norris is an accounts executive for Motorola, Inc., in Marietta, Ga.

Keith H. Johnson of Pembroke Pines, Fla., is an assistant operator for General Instrument Corp.

Rhonda Melton Holland teaches kindergarten at Haynie School in Fayetteville, N.C., where she lives with her husband, Michael.

Scott A. Bennett is a mechanical engineer at Robins AFB in Warner Robins, Ga., where he lives with his wife, **Christine Connell**, the assistant director of the Bert Spalding Nature Center at Robins AFB.

Jae-Yoon Jo, Ph.D., is an associate professor in the department of aquaculture at the National Fisheries University in Pusan, Korea.

William T. Batson, III, is an ensign in the Navy. He and his wife, **Eleanor Armistead** '89, live in Norfolk, Va.



CATCHING UP—M. Linda Parker, left, president of the New York City Auburn Club, came all the way to Auburn from the Big Apple for A-Day and to catch up on things with Christi Stacy Hall '80 during the recent football scholarship donors' weekend.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

Michael George Hamner of Prattville is a pharmacist for Humana Montgomery Hospital.

William F. Emberson of Ringgold, Ga., is an insurance sales associate in Calhoun, Ga.

Kimberly Thomas Wilkerson works for Tee Jays Manufacturing Co. in Florence.

Terry Joe Holder teaches agribusiness at Bibb County High in Centerville.

Tracy Tapp Harmon is assistant manager of County Seat in Fredericksburg, Va., where she and her husband, Raymond, live.

Phillip D. Burroughs of Smiths is a production planner for Partek in Phenix City.

John P. Tyndall is assistant project manager for Patterson-West, Inc., in Atlanta. His wife, **Brook Didcott** '89, is a teller at Georgia Federal Bank. They live in Norcross, Ga.

Alicia E. Reeves is a graduate student at the University of Houston's Hilton School of Hotel Management.

2/Lt. **Kenneth M. Warburton** is a quality assurance officer for the Marines. His wife, **Jean Rogers**, is a pilot in the Navy, stationed in Corpus Christi, Tex.

Kenneth D. Jordan is special projects coordinator of West Point Foundry & Mech. Co., Inc., in West Point, Ga., where he and his wife, **Terrie Harris**, live. She is an audiologist in Valley.

Bobby L. Norred is an artist for Compack in Atlanta.

Warren M. Brown of Franklin, Tenn., is a civil engineer at Arnold AFB in Tullahoma, Tenn.

Timothy William Halenkamp is a student at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in Columbia, S.C.

Carol Ann Norman of Montgomery works for Big B Drugs.

Michael A. Scialdone is assistant executive director of finance at Humana Cyprus in Pompano Beach, Fla. He lives in Coconut Creek, Fla., with his wife, **Nancy Morrison**, who teaches kindergarten.

Wayne F. Martorana is an industrial engineer at Ft. Benning, Ga. He lives in Columbus, Ga.

Suellen Ashmore Stewart teaches first grade at Inverness Elementary. She and her husband, John, live in Hoover.

James William Semler of Cary, N.C., is a sales engineer for Rosemount Analytical.

Michael W. Arasin of Marietta, Ga., is project manager for Abrams Construction in Atlanta.

John K. Neiland, DVM, practices at

Dunwoody (Ga.) Animal Hospital. He lives in Alpharetta, Ga., with his wife, **Michele Clardy** '89, a pharmacist for Kroger.

Christopher B. Horton of Dunwoody, Ga., is a roaming coordinator for PacTel Cellular in Norcross, Ga.

Rorie Thomas Pugliese is an assistant basketball coach at St. Bonaventure University in New York.

William B. Capps, III, is assistant vice president of Camco Vending in Auburn.

Kristin H. Chapman of Tucker, Ga., is an account executive of Ketchum Public Relations in Atlanta.

Trey Gainous is head baseball coach and assistant football coach for Brookwood School in Thomasville, Ga.

Stuart Douglas Tate is a professional baseball player with the San Francisco Giants.

Darleen Thomas is a Space Shuttle engineer at Rockwell Space Operations in Houston, Tex.

Sue Ann Cary is special events coordinator at Riverchase Galleria in Hoover for Jim Wilson & Associates, Inc.

Jim Boulter of Port Jefferson, N.Y., is an artist and teaches drawing and painting at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Long Island.

MARRIED: **Kellie D. Black** to Russell C. Fuller on Aug. 26, 1989. She is a furniture salesperson for Gayfers and a free-lance interior decorator. They live in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Kimberly Strain '89 to **William H. Klepac** on Nov. 25, 1989. They live in Hoover. He is a geotechnical engineer for LAW Engineering, Inc., and she is a pharmacist for Eckerd Drugs in Birmingham.

Joy Henrietta Speights to Mitchell Steven Nyeste on Sept. 9, 1989. They live in Tucker, Ga.

Sarah Alice Wilbourne to **Patrick James Lucido** on Dec. 30, 1989. They live in Marion.

Ana Denean Woodruff to Travis Alan Gilbert on July 15, 1989. They live in Fairhope.

Michele Todd to **Frank E. Bankston, Jr.** They live in Birmingham.

Lana Kathryn McGeever to **John Gregory Benner** on Aug. 19, 1989. They live in Hoover.

'89 Daphne Ann Ozley is a flight attendant with Delta Airlines in Dallas. She lives in Irving, Tex.

Timothy R. Horn is a student at the

Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Miss.

Patrick Scott Parrish is a sales coordinator for Hertz Equipment Rental in Norcross, Ga. He lives in Atlanta.

Barry Lee Keel, Jr., is pediatrics unit manager at Grady Hospital in Atlanta. He lives in Snellville, Ga., with his wife, Angie.

Laurie M. Dasher works in sales for T.E. Dasher and Associates in Birmingham.

Erick H. Smith is a student at UAB's school of optometry.

Keith A. Coward is an engineer at Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville.

Paul T. Brice is office manager for Dr. D.W. Brice in Dothan.

Matthew Scott Seay is assistant manager of Wal-Mart in Enterprise. He lives in Dothan.

Jeff E. Rowan of Salem is a production manager for Milliken and Co. in La Grange, Ga.

Tammy Roberts Uehlin is an audiologist at UAB. She lives in Birmingham with her husband, Craig, and their daughter, Courtney, 1.

Mark R. Haas is a project manager for Haas Construction, Inc., in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. He lives in Charleston, S.C.

John R. Eskew is a process engineer for Occidental Chemical Corp. in Hahnville, La. He lives in Kenner, La.

Sherri L. Pickard is co-manager of The Limited in Bloomington, Ind.

Michael J. Simmons is a sales representative for Acme Business Products in Norcross, Ga.

George R. Gatewood works in sports fitness for Hughston Sports Medical Clinic in Columbus, Ga.

David S. Paschall, a sports writer for the *Chattanooga News Free Press*, lives in Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

Marcus J. Kelley is an electrical engineer for the Alabama Electric Cooperative in Andalusia.

Joseph M. Keating is a pharmacist and manager at Harco Drugs in Tallahassee.

Lisa A. Matthews is a protective services social worker in Jacksonville, N.C. She lives in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Karen D. Yarosz is a sales representative for The Jockey Club in Miami.

Jeffrey C. Leeper is an assistant professor at Loma Linda University in Riverside, Calif.

Michael R. Ogles is a production engineer for General Motors at their Saginaw Division in Athens. He and his wife, Nikki, live in Decatur with their son, Will, 4.

Ahmad H. Mohd Hanif, Ph.D., is an assistant professor at the University of Agriculture in Selangor, Malaysia, where he lives with his wife, Noraini.

Jarrod A. Williams is a billing representative for Central Bank of the South. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.

David A. McCaleb is an architect for Moss and Associates in Birmingham.

David B. Floyd, an engineer for Scott Paper in Mobile, lives in Daphne.

Lynda Undeutsch Thabes, DVM, practices at Grassmere Animal Hospital in Nashville, where she lives with her husband, **John S. Thabes** '85.

Sandra Johnson Resa, M.Ed., teaches at West Point (Ga.) Elementary. She and her husband, Jose, live in Auburn.

Dongwoo Sohn is a transportation associate at COMSIS Corp. in Silver Spring, Md.

George K. Smithwick of Jackson's Gap is a shift manager at the Russell Corp.

Bradley S. Lawson is landscape director for Diversified Landscaping in Alpharetta, Ga.

Karen L. McBrayer is a clinical therapist at the Herrick Clinic in Opelika.

Thomas E. Carlos, DVM, practices at the American Veterinary Hospital in Oak Park, Ill.

Jean Mitchell Bumgardner is an investment accountant at Auburn, where she and her husband, **Michael D. Bumgardner** '72, live with their children, Michael, Leslie, and Stephanie.

Lisa A. Townsend is plant coordinator for Central Transport in Conley, Ga. She lives in Atlanta.

William T. Kuykendall is an insurance agent for Public Savings Life Insurance Co. in Augusta, Ga.

Gwendolyn L. Alexander is an administrative assistant for the Japan Pulp and Paper Corp. in Stone Mountain, Ga. She lives in Atlanta.

Thomas G. Bouldin is fine arts coordinator for Southern Union State Junior College in Wadley. He and his wife, Christine, live in Auburn.

Cyrilla A. Beveridge is a crisis case manager for the East Alabama Mental Health Hospital in Alexander City. She lives in Notasulga.

Ruth C. Sponsler is a laboratory technician in entomology at Auburn.

Jose S. Vasquez is an industrial designer for SMC South, Inc., in Auburn.

Albert Q. Taylor, III, is a clerk for Leatherwood, Walker, Todd, and Mann in Greenville, S.C.

Pam K. Ledbetter is a sales representative for Johnson and Johnson-McNeil Pharmaceuticals in Greenville, S.C.

Cynthia Love Moyers teaches first grade at Cary Woods Elementary in Auburn, where she lives with her husband, **James E. Moyers**.

Lisa L. Fulbright teaches third grade at Philip Randolph Elementary in Atlanta.

Kimberly L. Williamson teaches kindergarten in Selma.

William E. Lesesne, III, works at the Weather Channel in Atlanta.

Joseph E. Kohler is supervisor at Clarion Beach Cove in N. Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Kimberly Ann Kirkpatrick teaches first grade at Midfield City Elementary. She lives in Birmingham.

Katherine L. Isom is head credit teller at Rich's in Marietta, Ga.

Patricia J. Brixey is biology lab coordinator at Tuskegee University. She lives in Auburn.

Melissa (Missy) J. Appling teaches fifth grade at Woodstock (Ga.) Elementary. She lives in Smyrna, Ga.

Andrew D. Beisel is a real estate administrator for Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Chicago, where he and his wife, Sandra, live.

Lory J. Butler of Madison is a purchasing assistant for Disctronics Manufacturing, Inc., in Huntsville.

Cindy Stamey Mauldin teaches fourth grade in Rydal, Ga. She and her husband, **Ronald Mauldin**, live in Woodstock, Ga.

MARRIED: Patricia Ann Hannah to **Jeffrey T. Simmons** on Sept. 9, 1989. They live in Auburn.

Michelle Jean Shepler to **Bradley P. Word, Jr.**, '88 on Aug. 26, 1989.

Leann Kristine Sampson to **George L. White, Jr.**, '90 on Dec. 16, 1989. They live in Auburn.

Laura Leigh Hix to **James K. Stephens, Jr.**, on Nov. 18, 1989. They live in Plainville, Ga.

Jill Marie Hunter to **Eric D. Westerlund** on Feb. 10. They live in Auburn.

Penny Lynn Hemphill to **Allen J. Smith** on Dec. 16, 1989. They live in Seattle, Wash.

CORRECTION: In our February issue we ran a picture of Patsy Johnson '89 as our last graduate of the decade. We incorrectly said she earned a master's in education. Mrs. Johnson earned her doctoral degree. We regret the error.

In Memoriam

Compiled by Nelda Griffin

Esther Thompson Spencer '18 of Birmingham died April 10 according to recent information.

Homer E. Williams, Sr., '21 of Greensboro died Jan. 13 according to recent information.

John B. Carter '26 of Baton Rouge, La., is deceased according to recent information.

Thelma McGinty Austin '27 of Phenix City died Jan. 11. She had been a teacher and principal at Smiths Station High and a state supervisor of the Alabama Crippled Children's Association. Survivors include a brother, Clarence, and two sisters, Loette and Gertrude Guyton '37.

Alberta Procter Carter '27 of Baton Rouge, La., is deceased according to recent information.

Joe F. Hixon '27 of Montgomery is deceased according to recent information.

Bessie Junkins Lowery '27 of Auburn died Dec. 25, 1989. She is survived by two sons, Paul and John M. Lowery '51; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister; and six brothers.

W. Guerry Pruett '27 of Montgomery died Oct. 1, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Eugenia.

Lt. Col. Carey Alexander Clark '28 of Birmingham died April 19. He was retired from the Army. He is survived by his wife, Norine; son, Carey; and two sisters, Mattie and Maedell.

James Avery Wilson '28 of Wetumpka died Dec. 8, 1989. He had worked for the U.S.D.A. as a soil conservationist. He is survived by his wife, Eloise; a son, James Robert Wilson '67; a daughter, Linda Ann Wilson '71; one grandchild; and two sisters, Naoma Wilson '29 and Sarah Wilson '33.

Edwin L. Dean '30 of Charlotte, N.C., died Jan. 6. He is survived by his wife, Hermione; a son, Edwin; a daughter, Eugenia; and three grandchildren.

Martha Watson Smith '30 of Auburn died Nov. 22, 1989. She was the widow of E.V. Smith, former dean of agriculture at Auburn. Survivors include a daughter, Martha Rumora '76; two sons, Watson and North; and four grandchildren.

Ottis Edwin Ward '31 of Opelika died March 13. He owned and operated Ward-Moore Insurance Agency. He is survived by his wife, Betty Buchanan Ward '52; daughter, Carolyn W. Moore '57; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

William E. Cone '33 of Birmingham died March 9. The retired Army major was co-founder of Hazzard, McRoy & Cone, and former partner of Cone-Hazzard & Nall Consulting Engineers. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; son, William; and daughter, Patricia C. Moore '75.

Oliver O. Manning '34 of Dunn, N.C., is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include a son, Richard.

Nola Reynolds Lane '35 of Monroeville died July 17, 1989. She taught school in the Auburn school system. Survivors include three sons: Mack, Henry, and William F. Lane '49; one brother; one sister; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Glenn Mitchell '35 of Hampton, Ga., died Feb. 9. He was former president of Southern States Electrical Manufacturing and had served as Hampton's mayor for more than 20 years. Survivors include his wife, Valerie; sons, Glenn Edward Mitchell '67, and William; daughter, Rosemary; and brother, W. Cameron Mitchell '35.

Harry Lowry Hooper '36 of Selma died Feb. 4. Survivors include his wife, Sue; a son, Harry L. Hooper, III, '65; two daughters, Sue and Kent H. Woodruff '78; and two granddaughters.

Ira Bliven Grimes, Jr., '37 of Dalton, Ga., is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Sara; a daughter, Mary; two sons, Ira and Reid; a sister, Mary; and five grandchildren.

Hampton D. Williams, Jr., '37 of San Angelo, Texas, died Jan. 13. He is survived by his son, Hampton, and daughter, Hillary.

Owen R. Preston, Jr., '38 of Huntsville died Nov. 24, 1989. He was retired from NASA. Survivors include his wife, Jeannette; two sons, Owen and James; two daughters, Jeanette and Margaret; one sister; one brother; and seven grandchildren.

Johnie Lee Hulsey '39 of Birmingham died April 7. She was retired vice president of Realty Mortgage Co. She is survived by two nieces and a nephew.

Albion Williamson Knight '39 of Birmingham died April 27. He retired as president of Warren, Knight and Davis, Architects. He is survived by his wife, Frances Passmore Knight '40; a son, Albion; a daughter, Carol; five grandchildren; and a sister.

Annejo McRee Weinman '39 of Decatur died Jan. 14. She was a retired teacher at Morgan County High School in Hartselle. Survivors include a son, Lee; a brother, J.D.; and a granddaughter.

J. Winston Wood '39 of Shreveport, La., has been deceased since 1988 according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Hazel.

William M. Cook '40 of Camden died Feb. 5. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; two daughters, Garland and Lindsey; and one sister, Marguerite Holt '58.

Maj. Gen. G. Reid Doster, Jr., '41 of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Jan. 24. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte; sons, Reid and Phil; daughters, Suzanne and Barbara; and four grandchildren.

William Ottis Wood '41 of Mount Olive, N.C., died April 1, 1989. Survivors include his wife, Frances.

Dr. Ira I. Franklin '42 of San Antonio, Texas, died Feb. 27. Survivors include his wife, Leah.

Col. Felix Martin Turnipseed, Jr., '42 of Pensacola, Fla., died Feb. 27. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; two daughters; and three stepchildren.

Robert Guy Rhodes '46 of Pensacola, Fla., died Jan. 12. He worked in management positions with Sears Roebuck and Co. before his retirement. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; one daughter, Amanda Mueller '74; three sons, Guy Neill Rhodes '69, Dr. Michael Rhodes '74, and Charles Rhodes '74; and 11 grandchildren.

Jack Bevill Davidson '47 of Gainesville, Fla., died Sept. 19, 1989.

Arthur Pennington Bolton, Jr., '48 of Alabaster died April 28. He was former owner of B&M Engineers. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, and son, Arthur.

Hugh S. Peak, Jr., '48 of Birmingham died May 29, 1989. He was a professor of business at Jefferson State Community College for 19 years. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughter, Elizabeth; brother, Donald; and sister, Ellen.

Carson Hughes Sammons '48 of Lakeland, Fla., is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Frances Harwell Sammons '48.

Nell Ansley Briley '49 of Rome, Ga., died April 3. She is survived by her husband, Albert Cecil Briley, Jr., '49, and two daughters.

Paul D. Cruitt '49 of Cullman died Nov. 27, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Annie, and son, John.

Herbert B. Eagerton, Jr., '49 of Eastman, Ga., died Oct. 9, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Norma Jane; daughter, Careen; son, H.B., III; sister, Edna Earl; and brother, Edward.

James C. Griffin, Jr., '49 of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., died Jan. 3. Survivors include his wife.

Leo T. Hayes '49 of Ashville has been deceased since 1986, according to recent information.

Robert Henry McSwain '49 of Montgomery has been deceased since 1988 according to recent information. Survivors include a son, Robert.

Leo Houston Stoddard '49 of Arab died Nov. 14, 1989. Survivors include three brothers: Lowell Stoddard '42, Joe Stoddard '52, and J.T.; and three sisters, Lois, Louise, and Novel.

Otis Braswell '50 of Eufaula died March 13. He is survived by his wife, Linda; one daughter, Teresa; two sisters, Myrtle and Bernice; and two grandchildren.

Orris L. Hunt '50 of Millport is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Lottie Mae.

Dr. James E. Neal '51 died Jan. 10. He was a member of the faculty of the Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine from 1951 until his retirement in 1971, during a portion of which time he served as head of the Department of Microbiology. He was a charter member of the East Alabama Veterinary Medical Association and a former member of the Alabama and American Veterinary Medical Associations. Survivors include his wife, Edna; son, James E. Neal, Jr. '65; daughter, Elizabeth N. Pike '68; and five grandchildren.

Nellie Walker Byrd '52 of Luverne died Feb. 1. She is survived by one son, Gene; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Theo Willard Carpenter '54 of Brantley died March 9. He is survived by his wife,

Hazel; his mother, Carrie; one son, Terry; two grandchildren; and one brother, Clemont Carpenter '79.

Bealon Smith Nelson '54 of Glen Allen is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include her husband, Nash Sewell Nelson '54.

Phillip C. Brosemer '55 of Huntsville died Nov. 24, 1989. He was a horticulturist at Redstone Arsenal. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; son, Phillip; daughter, Lisa; and sister, Barbara.

Mary Hopson Thompson '55 of Opelika died March 1. She had been a junior high English teacher for 25 years, having retired last June. She is survived by her husband, J.M.; two daughters, Pamela Duca '81, and Kathy Borum '76; one son, Earl Barks, III, '88; two grandchildren; her mother, Electra; and one sister, Ann N. Ingalls '52.

William Porter Yarbrough '57 is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Martha Davenport Yarbrough '58.

Dr. Joan Askew Vail '59 of Boone, N.C., died March 9. She was a professor of physical education at Appalachian State University. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Charles B. Vail.

Robert Monroe Adams '61 of Wadley died April 10. He was the librarian at Southern Union State Junior College before his retirement in 1989. Survivors include one sister, Shirley.

Robert J. McInnish '61 of LaGrange, Ga., died Nov. 1, 1989. Survivors include his wife, Edwina; his mother; two sons, Robert and David; and a brother, John McInnish '66.

A. Ray Colvin '62 of Montgomery is deceased according to recent information.

Julia Allred Little '64 of Athens, Ga., died Jan. 3 according to recent information.

Patricia Brock Otwell '64 of Bremen, Ga., died March 25. She is survived by her husband, James Otwell '64; her parents, Aubrey and Rayve; two sons, John and Jai; and a sister, Sharon Rhodes '70.

Dr. Roland W. Banks, Jr., '65 of Fort Pierce, Fla., died Dec. 26 according to recent information.

Charles Aaron Lindsey '65 of Duluth, Ga., is deceased according to recent information.

Dr. Edward V. Hegg, Jr., '68 of Birmingham died April 28. He was a family practitioner in Huffman. Survivors include his wife, Paulette; one son, Stefan; his mother, Grace; and two brothers, Donald and David.

William L. Gray '70 of Columbus, Ga., died Jan. 14. He retired from the Navy as a chief petty officer. He also graduated from Woodrow Wilson School of Law. Survivors include a son, David; two brothers, James and Gene; a sister, Mary; and one grandson.

Anna Gail Phillips '76 of Sulligent is deceased according to recent information. She is survived by her parents, William and Hazel.

Mary Rosa Hunter '78 of Auburn died March 13. She was an assistant director of admissions for Auburn and a trustee of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Survivors include her parents, Rev. and Mrs. T.M. Hunter; and two sisters, Emily and Cindy.

Edwin Durwood Bass, Jr., '80 of Andalusia is deceased according to recent information.

James Harvey Akers '81 of Florence died Feb. 1. He received his M.D. from the University of Alabama School of Medicine posthumously on May 20.

Michael Aubrey Bradford '83 of Plantersville died April 21. He is survived by his wife, Dale; his mother, Pauline; and sister, Paula.

Norman Bruce Bearden '84 of Gulf Shores died in December 1989. He is survived by his parents.

Kelly Lane Gaddy '88 of Atlanta died April 4. Survivors include her parents, Richard and Barbara; and brother, Walter.

CORRECTION—In our last issue we incorrectly reported Ayo Ogunlusi '88 as deceased. We are happy to report that Miss Ogunlusi is alive and well, living in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Russell, Football Took GSC Eagles To New Heights

By Mike Jernigan '80

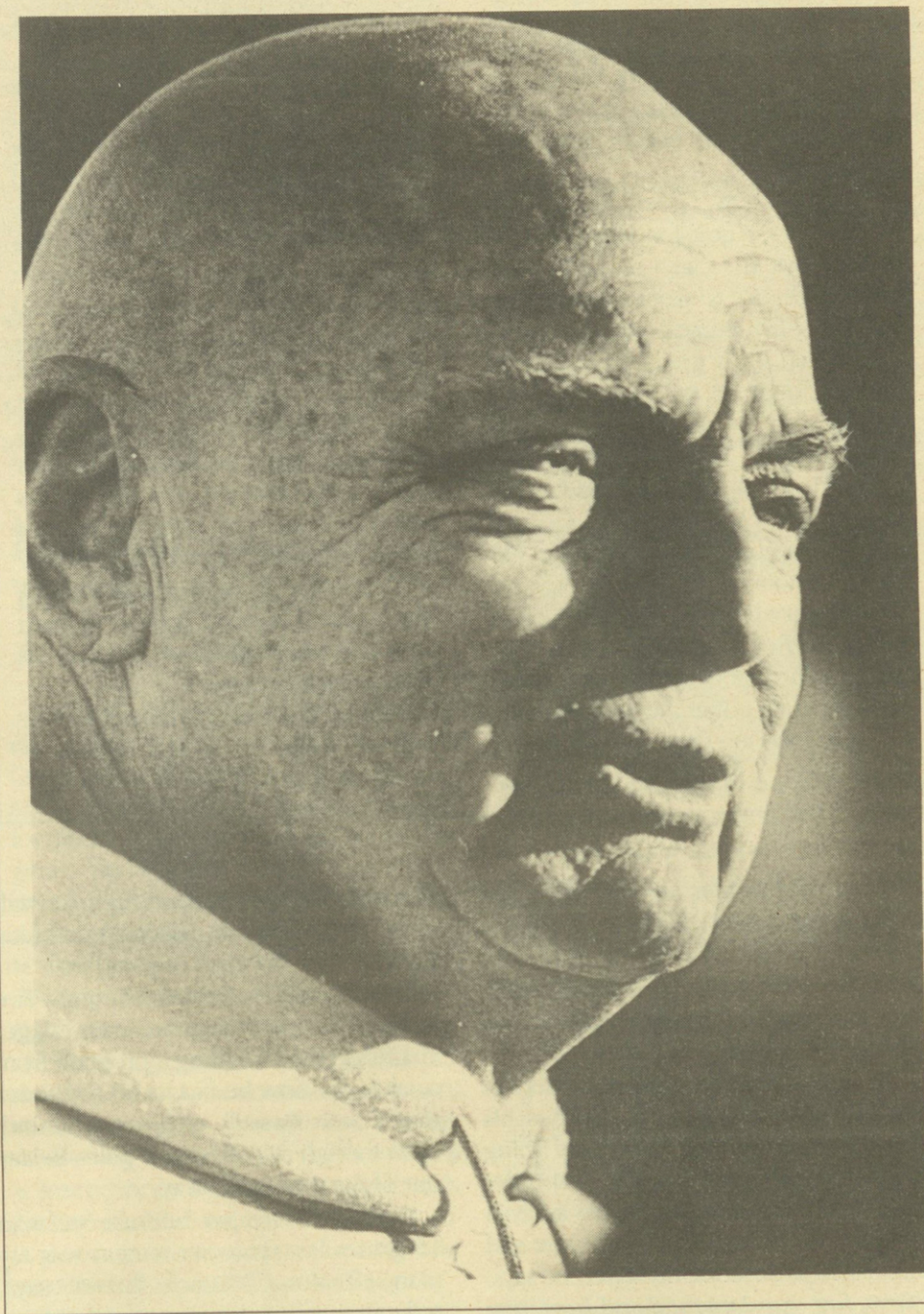
Travel down through the flat, rolling acres of farmland in southeastern Georgia, all the way to the sea at Savannah, and some people will tell you that you've found a little bit of football heaven. Friday and Saturday nights in the fall find most folks worshipping at tiny, well-lit temples to the sport in such burgs as Jesup, Swainsboro, and Wrightsville: hometown of the sainted one—Herschel Walker.

Though the believers may argue among themselves over which sect is the best, there is little doubt among the faithful as to who's the high priest. A few heretics might name Georgia Bulldog coach Ray Goff, but most of the flock would agree that Erk Russell '49—who came from the University of Georgia to build a team from scratch at Statesboro's Georgia Southern College in 1981 and won three NCAA Division 1-AA national titles as the Eagles' head coach before retiring last season—is the true pope of the pigskin in these parts.

Lofty scribes among the national sports media have labeled him "a balding high priest of swamp-water hexes, rustic eloquence and dazzling offense," and "a part-time snake-charmer and a full-time legend." Yet Coach Russell has neither snakes nor swamp-water in his smallish office, tucked away down the winding corridors of Georgia Southern's Hanner Fieldhouse, which along with being the mecca of Division 1-AA football also houses the basketball arena and coaches' offices.

And though the glint of the ceiling lights on his trademark shaved head may sometimes produce a halo effect, little else about the outward appearance of the man—he is short, sturdy, dependable-looking—hints of his greatness at motivating players and molding champions. "I'm not sure you can motivate anybody," he says agreeably, though he has tried using catchy nicknames like "junkyard dawgs" for his teams, sprinkled holy water from "Beautiful Eagle Creek" (a drainage ditch around the GSC practice field) on the playing surface before away games, and butted heads with his players in the attempt. "I do think you can sometimes help create an atmosphere where motivation can take place. I appreciate the fact that people call me a motivator, but I'm really not sure what it means."

His 83-22-1 record as a head coach indicates, however, that he is sure what it takes to make a winner. And he has been a winner at most everything he's tried since coming to Auburn at the invitation of then Tiger coach and recruiter Jeff Beard in 1946. "I was an Alabama fan all my life," recalls Coach Russell, who attended Ensley High in



MASTER MOTIVATOR—Erk Russell '49, Auburn's last four-sport letterman, coached defense for 17 years at Georgia before going to Georgia Southern College in 1981 to build a program from scratch. His Eagles teams won three national titles prior to his retirement as head coach in December.

Birmingham. "Alabama offered me a football scholarship and I had already told them I would come when Coach Beard invited me down to Auburn along with several other recruits. We went fishing for three or four days and I decided on Auburn instead."

As a Tiger, young Russell lettered in four sports: football, basketball, baseball, and tennis—the last Auburn athlete to do so. But football was his first love. Though he earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in education, he "never planned to do anything else but coach." His first chance came in 1950 at Atlanta's Grady High School, where he won the state AAA title three years later. In 1958 he returned to Auburn as freshman football and baseball coach, before being promoted to defensive coach and scout in 1961 for the varsity football team and Coach Ralph "Shug" Jordan '32.

While a member of Coach Jordan's staff, Coach Russell observed a style similar to his own in many ways. "If I had to use one word to describe Coach Jordan, that word would be *gentleman*," Coach Russell says. "He was a very basic,

very fundamental coach who believed in blocking and tackling and looked for players who could do those things above all else. He didn't believe in anything fancy—just hard-nosed football."

In addition to getting the chance to work under Coach Jordan while back at Auburn, Coach Russell also took the opportunity to renew an acquaintance with fellow coach Vince Dooley '54, whom he had first met before leaving Auburn to coach at Grady in 1950. "Vince and I used to play basketball every afternoon while I was working on my master's degree and he was an undergraduate," Coach Russell remembers. "When I came back in 1958, he was a member of the coaching staff and we became close friends."

Around this time Coach Russell also developed the hairstyle (or lack thereof) that would become his trademark. Stories about the origins of his billiard ball look differ, but to hear Coach Russell tell it, the decision was both economical and practical. "Haircuts went up to one dollar, and I figured I could do as well as the barber," he says. "He was shaving

more hair from my nose and ears than my head anyway, so I've been doing it myself ever since."

Coach Russell left Auburn in 1963 to take over the defense at Vanderbilt, but he and Coach Dooley's paths crossed again a year later when the latter was offered the head coaching job at Georgia by new Bulldog athletic director Joel Eaves '37, who knew both the young coaches from his days at Auburn. Coach Dooley summoned Coach Russell to take over the Georgia defense, and during the next 17 years, the two helped raise the Bulldog program from a perennial Southeastern Conference doormat to a national championship in 1980.

Though he coached on a number of excellent teams during his long career in Athens, during which Coach Russell became almost a cult figure among Georgia faithful for his fiery enthusiasm, rapport with his players, and quirky motivational techniques, he sees the 1964 Bulldogs as the high point of his dawg days. "That first year at Georgia still stands out for me. The program had been down for a number of years, but we went in that year and won seven games, including a win in the Sun Bowl. It was particularly satisfying because of the comeback we were able to make. That season set the tone for the future and established the coaching staff as solid."

So solid in fact, that it seemed to Georgia fans and foes alike that Coach Russell would always be a Bulldog. His name was prominently mentioned as a possible replacement for Coach Dooley in 1981 during Coach Dooley's prolonged flirtation with returning to Auburn to replace Doug Barfield as the Tigers' coach. But as it turned out, Coach Dooley stayed and Coach Russell left to try his fortunes as a head coach elsewhere—elsewhere in this case being Georgia Southern, a small school that had played its last football game in 1941 before discontinuing the program.

Though the press—at a loss to understand why Coach Russell would leave the staff of the defending national champions to take over a program that existed only on paper—speculated at the time that he left when his chance at the top job ended with Coach Dooley's decision to stay, Coach Russell says the need of a new challenge fueled his move to Statesboro. "Vince's staying at Georgia had no effect whatsoever on my leaving. I felt like I had the best coaching job in America in Athens, but on the other hand, I had been looking out the same window for 17 years. Both my boys were through school and there was nobody but my wife and me to consider, so I felt more willing to gamble. I thought the challenge of coming to Georgia Southern would be good for me personally."

Certainly the challenge couldn't have been greater. Just before the press conference announcing that Coach Russell would take the job, the college's athletic director had to have a football

Stowers Hopes to Buck Odds As New GSC Coach

Tim Stowers '80 knows the odds.

Fred Akers found them out at Texas, following Longhorn legend Darrell Royal. Gerry Faust discovered them at Notre Dame as he floundered in the wake of Irish great Ara Parseghian. And both Ray Perkins and Bill Curry learned of them the hard way at Alabama, living in the shadow of the late Bear Bryant.

In the football coaching profession, following in a great coach's footsteps is usually somewhat akin to investing in the junk bond market—a risky proposition at best. For Coach Stowers, who succeeded Erk Russell '49 at Georgia Southern College in December 1989 and who is, at 31, the youngest head coach in NCAA Division One football, the risk is well worth the chance to take over one of the most successful Division 1-AA programs in the nation—a program that has compiled an 83-22-1 record and won three national championships since being revived in 1982.

"When I first got the job, it occurred to me that I might be sort of the Bill Curry of Georgia Southern," Coach

Stowers says of his ascension to the top spot after five years as the Eagles' offensive coordinator and offensive line coach. "But the circumstances here are different. Georgia Southern has only been playing football since 1982, and I've been here since most of the program's major success has occurred. So I'm an insider rather than an outsider.

"I know how Coach Russell did things and I'm going to keep as many of his ways as I can," he adds. "I've had the chance to work for two great coaches—Erk Russell and Pat Dye—and if I can apply what I learned from them, I hope it will give me the background to succeed as a head coach myself."

For Coach Stowers, the road to his first head coaching job wound through Auburn and Jacksonville. He came to Auburn in 1976 to play on the offensive line for then Tiger Coach Doug Barfield. "I grew up a big Alabama fan, but when the time came, Alabama didn't offer me a scholarship because I was too short and too slow," he recalls. "I did get a scholarship

offer from Auburn though, and I'm glad I did because I think I'm more of an Auburn-type person than an Alabama one. At Auburn I could just be myself and I fit in fine. It's funny how things worked out."

Though young Stowers wasn't the most dominating lineman to ever wear the orange and blue, he did set a record for perseverance. He played five different positions during his years as a Tiger and holds the distinction of being the last Auburn player to play both offense and defense in the same game. Injury problems plagued him throughout his Auburn career, however, and after rupturing a disc in his back prior to his senior year, he decided to give up playing football and turned his efforts to coaching. With the help of Tiger defensive coordinator Wayne Hall, Coach Stowers joined Coach Dye's newly arrived staff at Auburn as a part-timer and later became the junior varsity coach.

From observing Coach Dye, he learned some of his first lessons as
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nothing stuck in my craw that I would have liked to do but didn't. Professionally, I think I've done O.K.

"I plan to stay away from the coaches as much as I can unless they need something," he adds, looking ahead to his first fall away from the sidelines in 40 years. "The best thing I can do is be here in case anything comes up where I can help, but I'm going to try to stay out of the way as much as possible."

There should be plenty besides coaching to keep Coach Russell busy this spring. In addition to handling logistics and scheduling for the Eagles, he is also heading a \$20 million academic and athletic fund drive coinciding with Georgia Southern's move to university status this summer. As President Lick suspected, football and the publicity surrounding it have helped spur phenomenal growth at the school, where enrollment has doubled since the program began nine years ago. In his spare time, Coach Russell is also involved in the launching of Statesboro's new Eagle Bank and Trust. "Be sure and write about it," he admonishes, "We need to sell stock!" He may even get to spend a little more time with his wife, Jean Farmer Russell '51.

Still, he admits that watching the Eagles play from the stands this fall will be a bittersweet experience. If awards were hair, Coach Russell would look like boxing promoter Don King. But the recognition is not what he'll miss the most. "Winning was my favorite part of coaching," he says, smiling wistfully. "Recruiting was the part I liked the least. But I'll miss the daily association with the players more than anything else."

And watching from afar next season, the man who brought the Eagles into football heaven may go through just a tiny bit of hell. "The relationship between a coach and his players is like the one between a man and his wife," he says, smiling wistfully. "You have good days and bad days, but the good outnumber the bad and make everything worthwhile. I'll really miss being out there—probably like the devil."

delivered from a local sporting goods store for use as a prop. The school didn't own one. What they did have, however, was a president—Dale Lick—who had decided that football would put the sleepy college and town on the map.

With the hiring of Coach Russell, they got a coach who proceeded to do just that. After two years spent laying a foundation with a handful of scholarship players using second-hand equipment and playing a schedule packed with junior varsity and club teams, Coach Russell's Eagles embarked on their first season in Division 1-AA in 1984, finishing a surprising 8-3. Even more surprising, the Eagles went 13-2 the following season—winning their first national championship in only their second season of divisional play. The 1986 team compiled another 13-2 slate and brought a second consecutive national crown to Statesboro before the Eagles suffered two down years, finishing 9-4 in 1987 and 12-3 in 1988—losing in the national title game to Furman. Last season saw the Eagles return to the top with an undefeated 15-0 record—a feat never before attained at any level of Division One football—and a third national championship. Along the way, the team got new weight and practice facilities and a brand new 18,000-seat stadium.

Even Coach Russell shakes his head in disbelief at the Eagles' meteoric rise to the top, though he characteristically refuses to take much of the credit. "Coming here was a pretty good gamble, since the situation was a total unknown," he says. "I had confidence in myself and believed I could make it work, but Lord, nobody in their right mind would have ever assumed we would win as much or as quickly as we did."

"We've been successful for three reasons. One, we were able to get good players who played good together. Two, since the program was the president's

idea, we got instant support from the administration, and the faculty, students, and community took to us, too. And third, we were lucky in that we didn't have many injuries to key players and problems like that."

No doubt Coach Russell's football philosophy, which closely matches his oft-stated maxim that "the only thing better than a simple idea is a simpler idea," had a hand in the Eagles' success as well. "F" words are popular now and I use them to describe my style," he says. "Firm, fair, fundamental, and fun—that about sums it up."

So does *finished*, for Coach Russell announced his retirement as head coach following the Eagles' undefeated 1989

championship season, though he will remain on staff as associate athletic director for football operations. His successor, fellow Auburn alumnus Tim Stowers '80, is facing an even bigger challenge than building a program from scratch, for now he has to fill the shoes that Coach Russell is leaving behind, even though the old coach plans to stay out of the new staff's way.

"I didn't retire just because we won 15 games last year—retirement was my plan all along," Coach Russell says, reflecting on his decision to call it quits. "My energy level did not allow me to coach in the manner which I was accustomed to. But I think I've done about as well as I could anyway. There's



WHO'S WHO—The 1958 Tiger football coaching staff included a number of men whose names would remain familiar to both Auburn and Georgia fans over the years. The staff included, front row, left to right, Vince Dooley '54, head coach at Georgia from 1964 to 1988 and now athletic director for the Bulldogs; Joel Eaves '37, who served as athletic director at Georgia for many years and brought Dooley to UGA as head coach; Shot Senn; Head Coach Ralph (Shug) Jordan '32; Hal Herring '48; Gene Lorendo; and Buck Bradberry, longtime executive director of the Auburn Office of Alumni and Development. Back row, left to right: Joe Connally; Dick McGowen; Erk Russell '49, defensive coach for the Georgia Bulldogs from 1964 to 1980 and recently retired as head coach at Georgia Southern College; and George Atkins '55, associate director in the Auburn Office of Alumni and Development.

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Stowers Hopes To Buck Odds

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a new coach. "I guess the biggest thing I learned was the importance of discipline to a football team. I also learned about asking a lot out of players on the practice field. Anything less than a 100 percent effort during practice would not suffice for Coach Dye. Anyone who didn't go full speed all the time couldn't play for him."

In 1984, Coach Stowers and his wife, Gaye Laing Stowers '83, left Auburn for him to become offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Jacksonville State University, a Division Two program. A year later, he found himself looking for another new job when the head coach at Jacksonville left for another school. Coach Russell hired him as offensive line coach at Georgia Southern, and he joined the staff just in time to be a part of the Eagles' first national championship season in 1985. Two years and a second national title later, Coach Stowers became the Eagles' offensive coordinator, where he helped coach the team to a national runner-up finish in 1988 and a third national crown last season.

Despite Georgia Southern's offensive success, no one was more surprised than Coach Stowers when Coach Russell retired following the Eagles' undefeated 1989 season and recommended either he or defensive coordinator Mike Healey as his replacement. "I had no idea I'd be a candidate for the job, though it had entered the back of mind that when Coach Russell did retire, I would be interested," he says. "We won the national championship on a Saturday and Coach Russell called me in on Monday and asked if I wanted to interview for the job. I interviewed with the search committee that afternoon and they offered me the job on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we made the announcement of Coach Russell's retirement and my taking the job to the press. It really

happened so quick I didn't have a lot of time to think about it."

He's spent a lot of time thinking about it since, however, and he's looking forward to trying to keep the Eagle program in the spot to which it has become accustomed—on top. "My approach is if it ain't broke, don't fix it," he says, discussing the philosophy he has inherited from his predecessor. "For Coach Russell, the only thing better than a simple idea is a simpler one. His number one goal was to get his team to give all they had every Saturday. If they did that, everything else would take care of itself."

"I'm not stupid enough to think I can do everything exactly the way Coach Russell did," he adds. "But I think I'm ready for this job and I'm looking forward to the challenge. It should be an interesting fall."

Defense Rules The Roost in A-Day Game

Auburn's three quarterback contenders—senior Frank McIntosh, sophomore Corey Lewis, and freshman Stan White—spent most of A-Day Saturday running for their collective lives as the A-Day game showcased the veteran Tiger defense at the expense of an injury-depleted Auburn offensive unit.

Without the services of mainstay running backs James Joseph, Stacey Danley, or Darrell Williams, all of whom sat out spring practice with injuries, both the White and Blue squads were forced to move mainly through the airways when they moved at all. The result was a low-scoring, defensive struggle, with McIntosh's Blue team pulling out a 10-7 victory on a 19-yard Jim Von Wyl field goal with three seconds remaining.

McIntosh, who completed 19 of 32 passes for 201 yards and ran for the Blue's only touchdown, won the Lionel James Award as the game's most valuable

offensive player. Defensive back Dennis Wright, who finished the day with six tackles, one assist, and one interception, took home the Mark Dorminey Award as the most valuable player on defense.

Lewis, who accounted for the White's only score via a 10-yard toss to tight-end Victor Hall, finished the afternoon completing 6 of 12 passes for 66 yards. White, who alternated at quarterback for the White team with Lewis, completed 5 of 10 for 61 yards. Both were intercepted once.

Head Coach Pat Dye, who emphasized that he doesn't expect to name a starter at quarterback until sometime this fall, said all three quarterbacks' performances were about what he expected. "They were under a tremendous amount of pressure all afternoon," he noted. "It was good for them to be in that type situation. The difference in the game was the fact that the White defensive line got a little tired at the end of the game and didn't get enough pressure on McIntosh. But overall, it was the kind of game I expected."

Other than questions at the quarterback and placekicker spots, the Tigers finished the spring with a wealth of depth and talent at most positions. At the running back spots, Danley and Joseph are expected back in the fall, although Williams may have to undergo off-season knee surgery and his status is currently unclear. Wide receivers Shayne Wasden, Greg Taylor, Pedro Cherry, Herbert Casey, and Dale Overton return, as do veteran tight ends Victor Hall and Chris Gray. The offensive line is also expected to be a Tiger strong-point, and with eight starters returning off a unit that led the SEC in scoring defense last season, Coach Wayne Hall's defense should be among the nation's best again.

Ciampi Signs JuCo All-American For Lady Tigers

Suzette Sargeant, a 6-1 forward from Central Arizona Community College who was named to the Kodak Junior College All-American team last season as a sophomore, has signed a national letter of intent to play for Coach Joe Ciampi and the Lady Tiger basketball team next season. Sargeant averaged 18 points and 8.1 rebounds per game last year and led her team to a 68-4 record over the last two seasons, including a junior college national championship in 1988.

"Suzette will fill a big need in our program," said Coach Ciampi of his only signee in the late signing period. "She is an outstanding rebounder, loves to play defense, and runs the floor as well as anyone we've seen. We believe with those characteristics she will be an excellent player for Auburn."

In addition to her point and rebound totals, Sargeant also had 77 assists, 93 steals, and 95 blocked shots last season. She was named all-region, Co-MVP for Central Arizona, and to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Tournament Team.

Track's Costner Is Nat'l. High Jump Winner

Auburn senior high jumper Sissy Costner completed her collegiate indoor track and field career at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis recently in "high" style, winning the national title in the women's high jump with a mark of six feet, two inches—an Auburn and personal record.

Costner became only the second Lady Tiger track team member to ever claim a national championship, and led Auburn to a 12th-place finish in the overall competition. The women's effort highlighted the meet for the Tigers, as the men's team was unable to score in the competition. Auburn's mile-relay team, which at one time this year owned the fastest time in the country, was forced to withdraw from the meet because of several injuries.

Tiger track coach Mel Rosen was disappointed with the overall outcome, but said the Tigers should have a bright future in the outdoor season coming up. "Had we been healthy, I think we could have finished in the top ten," he said. "But the men have the potential to have an outstanding season both in the conference and the NCAA. The outdoor season features additional events that we are strong in, like the 400-meter relay, the 400-meter hurdles, and the steeplechase."

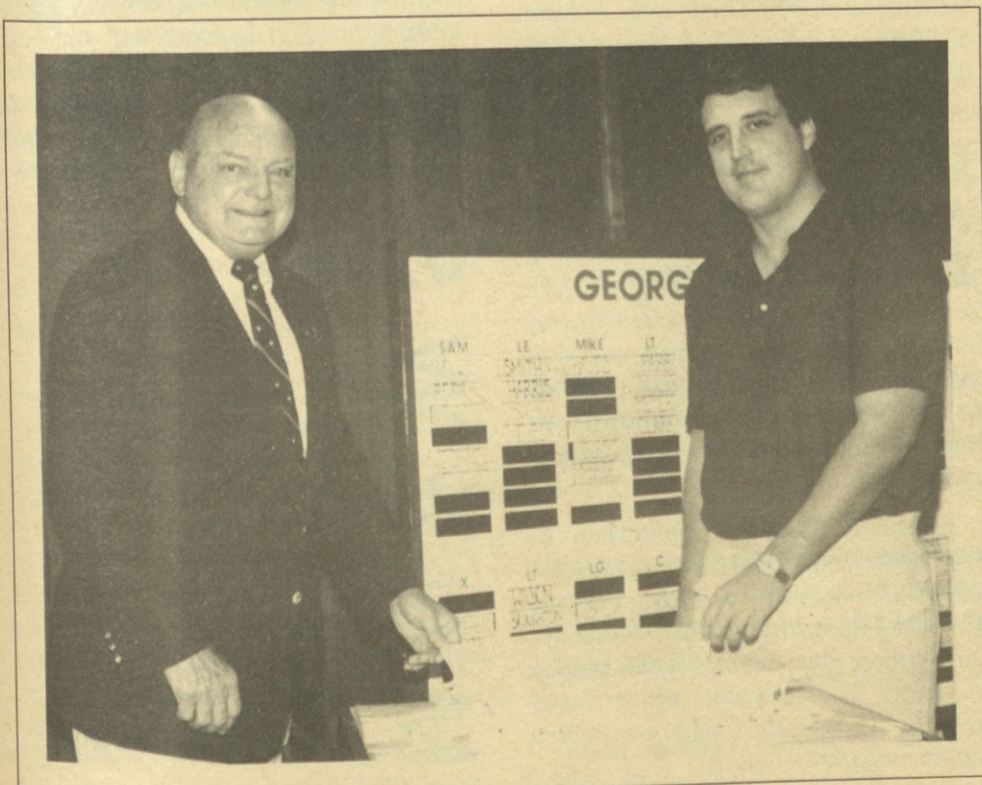
Tigers Make Fast Tournament Exit, End at 34-24

Inopportune hitting slumps and injuries to key members of the pitching staff—the story of the 1990 Tiger baseball team all season long—continued to plague Auburn in the SEC Tournament at Hoover Metropolitan Stadium, leading to a rapid exit after losses to Mississippi State and Vanderbilt.

The defending tournament champion Tigers, who finished the season at 34-24, (13-15 in the SEC) were routed by MSU 16-2 in the opening round, as Tiger pitchers gave up 15 walks and 11 hits. Auburn then fell 4-3 to the Commodores in the loser's bracket contest, getting only seven hits, only three of which came in the final six innings.

The Tigers began the season as an SEC title contender, but a decimated pitching staff, inconsistent hitting, and what Coach Hal Baird called "the toughest SEC schedule in the league" had Auburn struggling throughout the year. Despite those handicaps, the Tigers rallied to finish fourth in regular season play and gain a berth in the six-team SEC Tournament.

Looking ahead to next season, Auburn loses only right fielder Tommy Youngblood among the position players. There is a good chance, however, according to Coach Baird, that catcher Tim Edge and relief pitcher Mike Ferry, both juniors, may be drafted in the professional baseball draft later this year.



THE AUBURN CONNECTION—Retired Head Football Coach now Associate Athletic Director for Football Operations Erk Russell '49, left, and new Head Football Coach Tim Stowers '80 give the football program at Georgia Southern College in Statesboro a definite Auburn flavor. —Photo by Mike Jernigan

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Golden Eagles Set Nov. 8-10

The 1990 Golden Eagles Reunion, honoring the Class of 1940 on the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation, will begin Thursday, Nov. 8, and run through Homecoming Saturday, Nov. 10. The Golden Eagles celebration was originally scheduled for Oct. 11-13, but was moved to the new date due to scheduling conflicts.

For more information about this year's Golden Eagle Reunion, call Jeanice Hammock in the Office of Alumni Programs at (205) 844-1150, or write Alumni Programs, Auburn Alumni Center, 317 S. College Street, Auburn University, AL 36849.



Commemorative Issue "War Eagle"

Bronze Replicas Of War Eagle Now Available

On December 2, 1989, for the first time in the long and storied football rivalry between Auburn and Alabama, the two met at Jordan-Hare Stadium. Now, Auburn alumni and friends have an opportunity to capture the thrill of that day and the Tigers' stirring 30-20 victory as well as own a fine work of art by a renowned sculptor specially commissioned to commemorate the event.

More than a year of planning by a group of Auburn benefactors came to fruition when a magnificent cast bronze

eagle soaring 26 feet above the ground was unveiled outside Eaves-Memorial Coliseum before the game. Portrayed in full flight, its massive wings spanning 12 feet, "War Eagle" represents months of meticulous work by Huntsville sculptor Jack Hucks and painstaking casting by the finest of craftsmen.

The sponsors of the "War Eagle" sculptor have now made available a commemorative issue bronze replica in two sizes: a \$2,500, 24-inch wingspan eagle that measures 20 inches high, including the walnut base, and is limited to 250 signed and numbered pieces; and a \$1,250 17-inch wingspan eagle that measures 15 inches high, including walnut base, and is limited to 1,000 signed and numbered pieces.

Each replica also comes with a bronze plaque mounted on its base, engraved with the purchaser's name and a citation memorializing the first Auburn-Alabama game played on the Auburn campus. In addition, half the purchase price of each replica is a tax-deductible gift to Auburn University.

To order your "War Eagle" replica, make out a check for \$500 for the 24-inch replica, or \$250 for the 17-inch replica, payable to the Auburn University Foundation Eagle Fund. Make out a second check for \$2,000 for the 24-inch version, or \$1,000 for the 17-inch replica, payable to Jack Hucks. Alabama residents should add \$80 for the 24-inch size, or \$40 for the 17-inch size, to cover sales tax. (Madison County residents must add \$160 for the 24-inch version, or \$80 for the 17-inch size.) Mail your order and both checks to Jack Hucks, 1801 Nixon Ave., N.E., Huntsville, AL 35811.

OTS Offering AU-UA Pics In Fundraiser

The Omega Tau Sigma honorary is offering inscribed photos of the Jordan-Hare Stadium scoreboard following last season's 30-20 Tiger win over the Crimson Tide in the first varsity game between the two schools ever played on the Auburn campus.

The 8X10, color photos have the words "First Time Ever, Jordan-Hare Stadium, Auburn, Alabama, December 2, 1989, inscribed in the right-hand corner, and are guaranteed to warm the hearts of all Tiger faithful.

The photos are \$10 each and may be ordered by sending a check payable to Omega Tau Sigma to the Omega Tau Sigma House, 552 Thach Ave., Auburn, AL 36830, or calling the house at (205) 821-1939.

Library Carrels Available for Donor Naming

About 200 library carrels are still available for naming for gifts of \$1,000 to the library. However, all study rooms already have been reserved for named recognition.

Gifts may be made immediately or over a five-year period. Once the pledge is complete, a plaque will be placed on the carrel door commemorating the gift and listing the name of the person honored. The program, which could raise \$400,000 for the library, is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To date, 104 carrels and all 20 study rooms have been reserved by gifts or pledges. Checks reserving a carrel should be made payable to the Auburn University Foundation.

Additional information about the carrel-naming program may be obtained through a brochure or by phone. Contact

Kaye Lovvorn at the Auburn Alumni Center, 317 South College Street, Auburn University, AL 36849; phone, (205) 844-1166.

Auburn Knights' 60th Reunion Set July 26-28

The 1990 Auburn Knights reunion is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, through Saturday, July 28, at the Best Western Motel and Conference Center in Auburn.

Rehearsals begin July 26 and are free and open to the public. Mary Sue Taylor, Atlanta pianist, and her "Fantasy Five" will lead off Friday night's performances at 7:30, followed by the pre-war 1940s band, the post-war 1940s band, and the 1960s band. On Saturday night, "Great Gobs of Gadsden" with Joe Noojin will perform, followed by the 1930s band, the 1970/80s band, the 1950s band, and the current Auburn Knights.

Tickets are \$5 for each night's performances and will be available at the door on the evening of each show.

Tiger Hotline Opens Aug. 1

Starting Aug. 1, *Inside the Auburn Tigers* magazine will offer Auburn alumni and friends a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week Tiger Hotline providing current information on Auburn sports.

Fans around the country can dial the hotline at 1-900-860-0123. The calls, which cost \$2 for the first minute and \$1 for each additional minute, are billed to the caller's phone line by AT&T. Tiger Hotline can handle up to 264 simultaneous calls and can be accessed by both touch-tone and rotary phones.

Inside the Auburn Tigers editor Mark Murphy '75 and his staff will provide updates on Auburn football, comments from players and coaches, previews of big games, recruiting information, and many other items of interest to Tiger fans.

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